

SENATE FILE NO. SF0033

Military member spouse and children-resident tuition.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to higher education and uniformed service
2 members; amending resident tuition requirements to include
3 active uniform service members' spouses and dependents
4 under a federal definition; and providing for an effective
5 date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-17-105(e)(intro), (i), (ii)(B) and
10 (C) and 21-18-202(a)(iii) are amended to read:

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12 **21-17-105. Tuition to be as nearly free as possible;**
13 **number, qualifications and selection of students for**
14 **reduced tuition; tuition for veterans, veterans' and**

1 **uniformed service members' spouses and children; reciprocal**
2 **residency.**

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4 (e) Effective for the 2015 summer school session and
5 each semester thereafter, an applicant for resident tuition
6 who is a veteran, ~~or~~ eligible individual, or covered
7 individual as described in 38 U.S.C. 3679(c)(2), shall
8 qualify as a resident for purposes of tuition at the
9 University of Wyoming or Wyoming community college if the
10 applicant provides:

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12 (i) A certificate or other evidence of the
13 veteran's or uniformed service member's qualifying service
14 in the uniformed services of the United States;

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16 (ii) Documented evidence at the time of
17 enrollment that:

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19 (B) The veteran was discharged or released
20 from a qualifying period of service in the active military,
21 naval or air service before the date of enrollment or the
22 uniformed service member is currently on active duty;
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1 (C) ~~If the applicant is a spouse or child~~
2 ~~of the veteran,~~ The applicant is a ~~transferee pursuant to~~
3 ~~38 U.S.C. 3311(b) (9) or 3319 of the veteran's eligibility~~
4 ~~for educational benefits~~ veteran, eligible individual or
5 covered individual as described in 38 U.S.C. 3679(c) (2).
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7 **21-18-202. Powers and duties of the commission.**
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9 (a) The commission shall perform the following
10 general functions:
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12 (iii) Establish residency requirements, which
13 shall include provisions for military veterans, ~~their~~
14 ~~spouses and children~~ eligible individuals and covered
15 individuals as described in 38 U.S.C. 3679(c) (2) consistent
16 with the requirements of W.S. 21-17-105(e);
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18 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
19 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
20 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
21 Constitution.
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23 (END)