

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 122

An act relating to tuition waivers; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; requiring state universities and community colleges to waive tuition for a recipient of a Purple Heart or other combat decoration superior in precedence who fulfills specified criteria; providing a percentage cap on the number of required credit hours for which a tuition waiver may be received; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (9) is added to section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, to read:

1009.26 Fee waivers.—

(9) A state university or community college shall waive undergraduate tuition for each recipient of a Purple Heart or another combat decoration superior in precedence who:

(a) Is enrolled as a full-time, part-time, or summer-school student in an undergraduate program that terminates in a degree or certificate;

(b) Is currently, and was at the time of the military action that resulted in the awarding of the Purple Heart or other combat decoration superior in precedence, a resident of this state; and

(c) Submits to the state university or the community college the DD-214 form issued at the time of separation from service as documentation that the student has received a Purple Heart or another combat decoration superior in precedence.

Such a waiver for a Purple Heart recipient or recipient of another combat decoration superior in precedence shall be applicable for 110 percent of the number of required credit hours of the degree or certificate program for which the student is enrolled.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved by the Governor June 20, 2006.

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