

CHAPTER 2015-76

Senate Bill No. 7028

An act relating to educational opportunities for veterans; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; revising criteria for eligibility for out-of-state fee waivers at state universities, Florida College System institutions, and specified career centers; removing a provision regarding the applicability of waivers to required credit hours for a student's degree or certificate program; requiring the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education to adopt regulations and rules, respectively; revising a short title provision; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (13) of section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.26 Fee waivers.—

(13)(a) There is established the Congressman C. W. “Bill” Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Program. A state university, Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, or charter technical career center shall waive out-of-state fees for a person who is:

1. An honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the United States Reserve Forces, or the National Guard who physically resides in this state while enrolled in the institution; or-

2. Entitled to and uses educational assistance provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for a quarter, semester, or term beginning after July 1, 2015, who physically resides in this state while enrolled in the institution.

~~(b) Tuition and fees charged to a student veteran who qualifies for the out-of-state fee waiver under this subsection may not exceed the tuition and fees charged to a resident student. The waiver is applicable for 110 percent of the required credit hours of the degree or certificate program for which the student is enrolled.~~

(c) Each state university, Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, and charter technical career center shall report to the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education, respectively, the number and value of all fee waivers granted annually under this subsection.

(d) The Board of Governors and the State Board of Education shall respectively adopt regulations and rules to administer this subsection.

~~(e)~~(b) This subsection may be cited as the “Congressman C.W. ‘Bill’ Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Act.”

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 21, 2015.

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