

CHAPTER 2016-136

House Bill No. 799

An act relating to out-of-state fee waivers for active duty service members; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; providing that active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States residing or stationed outside of this state may receive out-of-state fee waivers; requiring that tuition and fees charged to such students be below a specified amount; requiring an annual report of all out-of-state fee waivers for such individuals; providing for regulations and rules to administer such provisions; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (14) is added to section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, to read:

1009.26 Fee waivers.—

(14)(a) 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 an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States residing or stationed outside of this state.

(b) Tuition and fees charged to a student who qualifies for the out-of-state fee waiver under this subsection may not exceed the tuition and fees charged to a resident student.

(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.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor March 25, 2016.

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