

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to resident status for tuition  
3           purposes for persons serving outside the state;  
4           amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; prohibiting the loss of  
5           resident status for tuition purposes solely by reason  
6           of certain service; providing an effective date.

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

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10           Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 1009.21, Florida  
11   Statutes, is amended to read:

12           1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition  
13   purposes.—Students shall be classified as residents or  
14   nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in  
15   postsecondary educational programs offered by charter technical  
16   career centers or career centers operated by school districts,  
17   in Florida College System institutions, and in state  
18   universities.

19           (7) (a) A person may ~~shall~~ not lose his or her resident  
20   status for tuition purposes solely by reason of serving, or, if  
21   such person is a dependent child, by reason of his or her parent  
22   ~~parent's~~ or parents ~~parents'~~ serving, in the Armed Forces  
23   outside this state.

24           (b) A person may not lose his or her resident status for  
25   tuition purposes solely by reason of serving, or, if such person  
26   is a dependent child, by reason of his or her parent or parents

27 serving, as civilian personnel on assignment for the United  
28 States Department of State, United States Department of Homeland  
29 Security, or United States Department of Defense, or while  
30 teaching at a United States Department of Defense Dependent  
31 School, outside this state.

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.