

By the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

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

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

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

18 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

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

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

28 2. Entitled to and uses educational assistance provided by  
29 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for a quarter,

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30 semester, or term beginning after July 1, 2015, who physically  
31 resides in this state while enrolled in the institution.

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

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

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

47 (e) ~~(b)~~ This subsection may be cited as the "Congressman  
48 C.W. 'Bill' Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Act."

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