SENATE BILL No. 177

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-14-12.

Synopsis: Tuition rates for veterans. Provides that qualified veterans are eligible for the resident tuition rate for undergraduate courses upon enrolling in a state educational institution not later than 12 months after discharge or separation from the United States armed forces. Requires a qualified veteran to provide to the state educational institution, not later than 12 months after enrolling in the state educational institution, proof that the qualified veteran has: (1) registered to vote in Indiana; (2) obtained an Indiana driver's license or state identification card; (3) registered the qualified veteran's motor vehicle in Indiana; or (4) obtained employment in Indiana. Provides that if the qualified veteran does not provide the required proof of residency: (1) the qualified veteran is subject to the tuition policies established by the state educational institution; and (2) the qualified veteran must repay the state educational institution an amount that equals the difference between the nonresident tuition rate and the tuition rate charged to the qualified veteran during the first 12 months of the qualified veteran's enrollment at the state educational institution. Provides that a qualified veteran who enrolls later than 12 months after the qualified veteran's discharge or separation date is subject to the tuition policies determined by the state educational institution. Provides that qualified veterans who enroll in graduate degree programs are subject to the tuition policies determined by the state educational institution.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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January 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2013)

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 21-14-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]:

Chapter 12. Resident Tuition for Veterans

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "qualified course" means a course prescribed by a state educational institution to obtain an undergraduate degree.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "qualified veteran" means an individual who:

(1) served in the armed forces of the United States; and

(2) received an honorable discharge.

Sec. 3. A qualified veteran who enrolls in a state educational institution not later than twelve (12) months after the date of the qualified veteran's discharge or separation from the armed forces of the United States is eligible to pay the resident tuition rate determined by the state educational institution for a qualified course taken by the qualified veteran while attending the state

educational institution.

Sec. 4. (a) Subject to subsection (b), a qualified veteran is eligible to pay a resident tuition rate for a qualified course:

(1) regardless of whether the qualified veteran has resided in Indiana long enough after receiving a discharge or separation from the armed forces of the United States to establish Indiana residency under the otherwise applicable policies of the state educational institution; and

(2) regardless of whether the qualified veteran has returned to Indiana for the primary purpose of attending the state educational institution.

(b) A qualified veteran must provide to the state educational institution, not later than twelve (12) months after the date the qualified veteran enrolls in the state educational institution:

(1) proof that the qualified veteran has registered to vote in Indiana; or

(2) proof that the qualified veteran has:

(A) obtained an Indiana driver's license or a state identification card under IC 9-24;

(B) registered the qualified veteran's motor vehicle in Indiana; or

(C) obtained employment in Indiana.

If a qualified veteran fails to comply with this subsection, the qualified veteran is subject to the tuition policies determined by the state educational institution. The state educational institution may charge the qualified veteran an amount that equals the difference between the nonresident tuition rate and the tuition charged to the qualified veteran for qualified courses in which the qualified veteran enrolled during the first twelve (12) months of enrollment at the state educational institution.

Sec. 5. A qualified veteran who enrolls in a state educational institution later than twelve (12) months after the date of the qualified veteran's discharge or separation from the armed forces of the United States is subject to the tuition policies determined by the state educational institution.

Sec. 6. A qualified veteran who enrolls in a graduate degree program at a state educational institution is subject to the tuition policies determined by the state educational institution.

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