CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
DIGEST FOR ESB 177

Citations Affected: IC 21-14-12.2.

Synopsis: Tuition rates for veterans. Conference committee report for ESB 177. 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 or the Indiana National Guard. Requires a qualified veteran to provide to the state educational institution, not later than 12 months after enrolling in the state educational institution, certain information to show that the veteran resides 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. **(This conference committee report: (1) removes provisions that: (A) require a state educational institution to provide a qualified veteran who served in a combat zone with a tuition and fee rate freeze; (B) provide that the child of a veteran who suffered a service connected death or disability and received a disability rating equal to zero percent or more may be eligible for tuition and fee exemption; and (C) repeal a provision relating to tuition and fee exemptions for veterans that limits the amount of reduction in educational costs, for an individual who is eligible to receive the reduction because the individual's father or mother received a service-related disability, to the parent's disability rating plus 20%; and (2) provides that the definition of a "qualified veteran" includes an individual who is currently serving in or has received an honorable discharge from the Indiana National Guard.)**

Effective: July 1, 2013.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the House upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 177 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. IC 21-14-12.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]:

Chapter 12.2. 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:

(1) who:

(A) served in the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard; and

(B) received an honorable discharge; or

(2) who currently is serving in the Indiana National Guard.

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 or the Indiana National Guard 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 or the Indiana National Guard 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;

(2) proof that the qualified veteran has:

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

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

(3) any other proof of residency as approved by the commission.

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 or the Indiana National Guard 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.

(Reference is to ESB 177 as reprinted March 15, 2013.)

Conference Committee Report
on
Engrossed Senate Bill 177

Signed by:

Senator Banks Chairperson	Representative Baird
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Senate Conferees	**House Conferees**