

SENATE FILE NO. SF0061

Veterans-resident tuition provisions.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways and Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; providing for resident
2 tuition for military veterans at the University of Wyoming
3 and community colleges as specified; providing a
4 definition; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-17-105 by creating new subsections
9 (e) through (g) and 21-18-202(a)(iii) are amended to read:

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11 **21-17-105. Tuition to be as nearly free as possible;**
12 **number, qualifications and selection of students for**
13 **reduced tuition; tuition for veterans; reciprocal**
14 **residency.**

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1 (e) Any person who is a military veteran who does not
2 qualify as a resident pursuant to subsection (d) of this
3 section shall qualify as a resident for purposes of tuition
4 at the University of Wyoming or Wyoming community college
5 if the person provides:

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7 (i) A certificate or other evidence of honorable
8 discharge from the uniformed services of the United States:

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10 (A) Within the twelve (12) month period
11 immediately preceding application for resident tuition
12 pursuant to this subsection; or

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14 (B) Within the twelve (12) month period
15 immediately preceding acceptance to the University of
16 Wyoming or Wyoming community college if the applicant for
17 resident tuition was attending the University of Wyoming or
18 Wyoming community college on April 1, 2014.

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20 (ii) Evidence that the veteran has taken steps
21 to establish residency in Wyoming, which may include:

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23 (A) A Wyoming voter registration card;
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1 (B) A current Wyoming driver's license or
2 identification card;

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4 (C) A current Wyoming vehicle registration;

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6 (D) Evidence of employment in Wyoming;

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8 (E) A current real property lease or
9 purchase agreement showing the veteran as lessee or
10 purchaser of a Wyoming residence;

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12 (F) A utility bill showing a current
13 account for a residence in Wyoming in the veteran's name.

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15 (f) For purposes of subsection (e) of this section,
16 "uniformed services of the United States" means service in
17 the United States army, navy, air force, marine corps,
18 coast guard, United States public health service
19 commissioned corps, national oceanic and atmospheric
20 administration commissioned corps, national guard or any
21 reserve or auxiliary component thereof.

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23 (g) Once a military veteran has qualified for
24 resident tuition under subsection (e) of this section, the

1 veteran shall remain qualified in subsequent years upon
2 complying with the requirements of paragraphs (e)(ii) and
3 (iii) of this section.

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5 **21-18-202. Powers and duties of the commission.**

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7 (a) The commission shall perform the following
8 general functions:

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10 (iii) Establish residency requirements, which
11 shall include provisions for military veterans consistent
12 with the requirements of W.S. 21-17-105(e);

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14 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2014.

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