

Senate File 2274 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2105)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to certain national security and military
2 education benefits and programs.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 260C.14, subsection 14, paragraph b,
2 subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (b), Code Supplement
3 2009, is amended to read as follows:

4 (b) "*Qualified military person*" means a person on active
5 duty in the military service of the United States who is
6 stationed in this state or at the Rock Island arsenal. If
7 the qualified military person is transferred, deployed, or
8 restationed while the person's spouse or child is enrolled in
9 the community college, the spouse or child shall continue to be
10 classified as a resident until the close of the fiscal year in
11 which the spouse or child is enrolled.

12 Sec. 2. Section 260C.14, subsection 14, paragraph b,
13 subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (c), subparagraph
14 subdivision (ii), Code Supplement 2009, is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 (ii) ~~Is domiciled~~ Has resided in this state at least one
17 year or sufficient time to have filed an Iowa tax return in the
18 preceding twelve months.

19 Sec. 3. Section 260C.14, subsection 20, unnumbered
20 paragraph 1, Code Supplement 2009, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 Adopt a policy to offer not less than the following options
23 to a student who is a member, or the spouse of a member if
24 the member has a dependent child as defined in subsection 14,
25 paragraph "b", subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (a), of
26 the Iowa national guard or reserve forces of the United States
27 and who is ordered to state military service or federal service
28 or duty:

29 Sec. 4. Section 262.9, subsection 17, paragraph b,
30 subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (b), Code Supplement
31 2009, is amended to read as follows:

32 (b) "*Qualified military person*" means a person on active
33 duty in the military service of the United States who is
34 stationed in this state or at the Rock Island arsenal. If
35 the qualified military person is transferred, deployed, or

1 restationed while the person's spouse or child is enrolled in
2 an institution of higher education under the control of the
3 board, the spouse or child shall continue to be classified as a
4 resident until the close of the fiscal year in which the spouse
5 or child is enrolled.

6 Sec. 5. Section 262.9, subsection 17, paragraph b,
7 subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (c), subparagraph
8 subdivision (ii), Code Supplement 2009, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 (ii) ~~Is domiciled~~ Has resided in this state at least one
11 year or sufficient time to have filed an Iowa tax return in the
12 preceding twelve months.

13 Sec. 6. Section 262.9, subsection 30, unnumbered paragraph
14 1, Code Supplement 2009, is amended to read as follows:

15 Direct the institutions of higher education under its
16 control to adopt a policy to offer not less than the following
17 options to a student who is a member, or the spouse of a member
18 if the member has a dependent child as defined in subsection
19 17, paragraph "b", subparagraph (2), subparagraph division
20 (a), of the Iowa national guard or reserve forces of the United
21 States and who is ordered to state military service or federal
22 service or duty:

23 Sec. 7. Section 272.8, Code 2009, is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 **272.8 License to applicants from other states or countries.**

26 1. The board may issue a license to an applicant from
27 another state or country if the applicant files evidence of the
28 possession of the required or equivalent requirements with the
29 board. If the applicant is the spouse of a military person who
30 is on duty or in active state duty as defined in section 29A.1,
31 subsections 9 and 11, the board shall assign a consultant to
32 be the single point of contact for the applicant regarding
33 nontraditional licensure.

34 2. The executive director of the board may, subject to board
35 approval, enter into reciprocity agreements with another state

1 or country for the licensing of practitioners on an equitable
2 basis of mutual exchange, when the action is in conformity with
3 law.

4 3. Practitioner preparation and professional development
5 programs offered in this state by out-of-state institutions
6 must be approved by the board in order to fulfill requirements
7 for licensure or renewal of a license by an applicant.

8 Sec. 8. NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM WORKING
9 GROUP. The department of education, in collaboration with the
10 state board of regents, shall convene a working group that
11 includes but is not limited to representatives of the business
12 community of this state, to explore the possibility of securing
13 the cooperation and assistance of the United States department
14 of defense, the national defense university, and the national
15 security education board to participate in the federal national
16 security education program and establish a foreign language
17 road map, flagship program, and timeline in this state for K-16
18 and graduate-level students. The working group also shall
19 study the feasibility, including but not limited to the costs,
20 of establishing the road map, program, and timeline, and shall
21 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the
22 general assembly by January 15, 2011.

23 Sec. 9. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS — VETERANS AND
24 DEPENDENT CHILDREN POSTSECONDARY UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION
25 BENEFITS STUDY. The department of veterans affairs shall
26 conduct a study, in collaboration with the state board of
27 regents and the department of education and other postsecondary
28 stakeholders as determined by the department of veterans
29 affairs, of the need to provide greater postsecondary
30 undergraduate education benefits for veterans and their
31 dependents, including but not limited to dependent children of
32 service-connected disabled veterans. The study shall include
33 a review of current federal education benefits for veterans
34 and their dependents, cost and participation estimates, and a
35 review of educational benefits currently provided to veterans

1 and their dependents by other states throughout the country.
2 The department of veterans affairs shall submit its findings
3 and recommendations in a report to the general assembly by
4 December 31, 2010.

5 EXPLANATION

6 This bill provides education-related benefits for military
7 persons and veterans, and certain registration, tuition, and
8 fee options for postsecondary students who are spouses of
9 guard members or reservists ordered to service. The bill also
10 directs the department of education to work with the state
11 board of regents to convene a working group to explore the
12 possibility of participating in a federal program whose goal is
13 to build a broad pool of internationally competent individuals
14 who are available for recruitment into the federal national
15 security community, and directs the department of veterans
16 affairs to conduct a study of the need to provide greater
17 undergraduate benefits for veterans and their dependents.

18 The bill provides for in-state tuition for military
19 personnel stationed in Iowa and for veterans who have resided
20 in Iowa at least one year or sufficient time to have filed an
21 Iowa tax return in the preceding twelve months.

22 The bill directs the boards of directors of community
23 colleges and the state board of regents to provide students
24 who are spouses of members of the Iowa national guard or the
25 reserve forces of the United States, who are ordered to state
26 military service or federal service or duty, with the same
27 options currently offered to the members, which are to withdraw
28 and receive a full refund of tuition and mandatory fees or to
29 make arrangements for some or all course grades or incompletes,
30 with refunds only paid for courses for which arrangements could
31 not be made for grades or incompletes.

32 The bill directs the board of educational examiners to
33 assign a consultant to be the single point of contact for an
34 applicant who is licensed by another state or country and who
35 is the spouse of a military person who is on duty or in active

1 state duty.

2 The bill directs the department of education, in
3 collaboration with the state board of regents, to convene a
4 working group that includes representatives of the business
5 community, to explore the possibility of securing the
6 cooperation and assistance of the United States department of
7 defense, the national defense university, and the national
8 security education board to participate in the federal national
9 security education program and establish a foreign language
10 road map, flagship program, and timeline in this state for K-16
11 and graduate-level students. The working group must submit
12 a report of its findings and recommendations to the general
13 assembly by January 15, 2011.

14 The department of veterans affairs is also directed to
15 conduct a study, in collaboration with the state board of
16 regents, the department of education, and other postsecondary
17 stakeholders as determined by the department of veterans
18 affairs, of the need to provide greater undergraduate education
19 benefits for veterans and their dependents, including but not
20 limited to dependent children of service-connected disabled
21 veterans. The study shall include a review of current federal
22 education benefits for veterans and their dependents, cost
23 and participation estimates, and a review of educational
24 benefits currently provided to veterans and their dependents by
25 other states. The department of veterans affairs must submit
26 its findings and recommendations in a report to the general
27 assembly by December 31, 2010.