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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees at
2 regents universities for Iowa national guard members who are
3 residents of Iowa.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 262.9, subsection 17, Code 2011, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. (1) Direct each institution of higher
4 education under the control of the board to waive tuition
5 and mandatory fee charges to a member of the Iowa national
6 guard who is a resident of this state or who was a resident
7 of this state at the time of entry into the Iowa national
8 guard. Tuition and mandatory fees shall be waived for not more
9 than one hundred twenty-eight semester credit hours or eight
10 semesters of undergraduate study, or the trimester or quarter
11 equivalent. The limitation on credit hours and semesters
12 of study shall be applied cumulatively within the regents
13 university system. The waiver shall apply only for the amount
14 of tuition and mandatory fee charges that exceeds the total
15 amount of any state and federal education benefits, grants,
16 or scholarships the national guard member is eligible for or
17 receives, including but not limited to the federal Pell grant,
18 federal educational assistance for the selected reserve, and
19 the national guard educational assistance program under section
20 261.86.

21 (2) The department of veterans affairs and the college
22 student aid commission shall provide information and assistance
23 to the institutions upon request.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill requires the state board of regents to direct each
26 of its universities to waive tuition and mandatory fee charges
27 to a member of the Iowa national guard who is a resident of this
28 state or who was a resident of this state at the time of entry
29 into the Iowa national guard.

30 Tuition and mandatory fees shall be waived for not more than
31 128 semester credit hours or eight semesters of undergraduate
32 study within the regents university system. The waiver
33 shall apply only for the amount of tuition and mandatory fee
34 charges that exceeds the total amount of any state and federal
35 education benefits, grants, or scholarships the national guard

1 member is eligible for or receives.

2 The department of veterans affairs and the college student
3 aid commission must provide information and assistance to the
4 institutions upon request.