

House Study Bill 6 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BODEN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to in-state residency for purposes of
2 undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees at regents
3 institutions and community colleges for certain military
4 personnel and family members.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 260C.14, subsection 14, paragraph b, Code
2 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. (1) Adopt rules to classify as residents for purposes
4 of tuition and mandatory fees, qualified veterans and qualified
5 military persons and their spouses, and dependent children, and
6 survivors who are domiciled in this state while enrolled in a
7 community college. A spouse, ~~or dependent child, or survivor~~
8 of a military person or veteran shall not be deemed a resident
9 under this paragraph "b" unless the qualified military person
10 or qualified veteran meets the requirements of subparagraph (2),
11 subparagraph division (b) or (c), as appropriate.

12 (2) For purposes of this paragraph "b", unless the context
13 otherwise requires:

14 (a) "*Dependent child*" means a student who was claimed by a
15 qualified military person or qualified veteran as a dependent on
16 the qualified military person's or qualified veteran's internal
17 revenue service tax filing for the previous tax year.

18 (b) "*Qualified military person*" means a person on active duty
19 in the military service of the United States who is stationed
20 in this state or at the Rock Island arsenal. If the qualified
21 military person is transferred, deployed, or restationed while
22 the person's spouse or dependent child is enrolled in the
23 community college, the spouse or dependent child shall continue
24 to be classified as a resident provided the spouse or dependent
25 child maintains continuous enrollment.

26 (c) "*Qualified veteran*" means a person, other than a
27 qualified military person, who meets the following requirements:
28 is a veteran as defined in section 35.1, notwithstanding any
29 residency requirement in that section.

30 ~~(i) Is eligible for benefits, or has exhausted the benefits,~~
31 ~~under the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act~~
32 ~~of 2008.~~

33 ~~(ii) Is domiciled in this state, or has resided in this state~~
34 ~~for at least one year or sufficient time to have filed an Iowa~~
35 ~~tax return in the preceding twelve months.~~

1 (d) "Survivor" means a student who is the spouse or child of
2 a deceased veteran, as defined in section 35.1.

3 Sec. 2. Section 262.9, subsection 17, paragraph b, Code 2025,
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 b. (1) Adopt rules to classify as residents for purposes
6 of undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees, qualified veterans
7 and qualified military persons and their spouses, and dependent
8 children, and survivors who are domiciled in this state while
9 enrolled in an institution of higher education under the board.
10 A spouse, ~~or dependent child,~~ or survivor of a military person or
11 veteran shall not be deemed a resident under this paragraph "b"
12 unless the qualified military person or qualified veteran meets
13 the requirements of subparagraph (2), subparagraph division (b)
14 or (c), as appropriate.

15 (2) For purposes of this paragraph "b", unless the context
16 otherwise requires:

17 (a) "*Dependent child*" means a student who was claimed by a
18 qualified military person or qualified veteran as a dependent on
19 the qualified military person's or qualified veteran's internal
20 revenue service tax filing for the previous tax year.

21 (b) "*Qualified military person*" means a person on active duty
22 in the military service of the United States who is stationed
23 in this state or at the Rock Island arsenal. If the qualified
24 military person is transferred, deployed, or restationed while
25 the person's spouse or dependent child is enrolled in an
26 institution of higher education under the control of the board,
27 the spouse or dependent child shall continue to be classified
28 as a resident provided the spouse or dependent child maintains
29 continuous enrollment.

30 (c) "*Qualified veteran*" means a person, other than a
31 qualified military person, who meets the following requirements:
32 is a veteran as defined in section 35.1, notwithstanding any
33 residency requirement in that section.

34 ~~(i) Is eligible for benefits, or has exhausted the benefits,~~
35 ~~under the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act~~

~~1 of 2008.~~

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

5 (d) "Survivor" means a student who is the spouse or child of
6 a deceased veteran, as defined in section 35.1.

EXPLANATION

The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 Under current law, qualified veterans and qualified military
11 persons, and their spouses and dependent children, are considered
12 residents of Iowa for purposes of undergraduate tuition and
13 mandatory fees at regents institutions and community colleges.

14 This bill expands the definition of "qualified military
15 person" to mean a "veteran" as defined in Code section 35.1,
16 which generally includes veterans of armed conflicts and other
17 service members who were discharged under honorable conditions.
18 Under current law, the definition generally includes veterans
19 eligible for benefits under the federal Post-9/11 Veterans
20 Educational Assistance Act of 2008 who have been domiciled in
21 Iowa for one year.

22 The bill also provides that surviving spouses and children
23 of qualified veterans are considered residents of Iowa for
24 purposes of undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees at regents
25 institutions and community colleges.