

House File 2491 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2132)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a waiver of tuition and mandatory
2 fees at regents institutions for certain veterans with
3 service-connected disabilities.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 262.9, Code 2026, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 43. *a.* Direct the institutions of higher
4 education governed by the board to waive all tuition and
5 mandatory fees for a veteran, as defined in section 35.1, who
6 has a permanent service-connected disability rating of one
7 hundred percent as certified by the United States department
8 of veterans affairs and who applies to and is admitted for
9 enrollment at the institution.

10 *b.* A veteran shall only be eligible for a waiver under this
11 subsection if the veteran is not eligible for or has exhausted
12 any other available federal or state sources of financial
13 assistance for such tuition and fees, including but not limited
14 to the Pell grant program and education benefits from the
15 United States department of veterans affairs. The institution
16 shall prorate the waiver each semester to cover any difference
17 between other federal or state financial assistance obtained by
18 the veteran and the amount of such tuition and fees.

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EXPLANATION

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

22 This bill requires regents institutions to waive all
23 tuition and mandatory fees for a veteran who has a permanent
24 service-connected disability rating of 100 percent and who
25 applies to and is admitted for enrollment at the institution.

26 A veteran shall only be eligible for a waiver if the veteran
27 is not eligible for or has exhausted any other available
28 federal or state sources of financial assistance for such
29 tuition and fees. The institution shall prorate the waiver to
30 cover any difference between other federal or state financial
31 assistance obtained and the amount of such tuition and fees.