

HOUSE BILL No. 1170

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-14-4.

Synopsis: Tuition and educational cost exemptions. Repeals a provision concerning certain disability ratings, as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and educational cost exemptions.

Effective: July 1, 2024.

Hamilton

January 8, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.



Second Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2024)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 21-14-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.112-2019,
2 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 2. (a) Subject to ~~this section and section 2.5 of this~~
4 ~~chapter~~, **subsection (b)**, an eligible applicant is entitled to enter,
5 remain, and receive instruction in a state educational institution upon
6 the same conditions, qualifications, and regulations prescribed for other
7 applicants for admission to or scholars in the state educational
8 institutions, without the payment of any educational costs for one
9 hundred twenty-four (124) semester credit hours in the state
10 educational institution.

11 (b) The maximum amount that an eligible applicant is exempt from
12 paying for a semester hour is an amount equal to the cost of an
13 undergraduate semester credit hour at the state educational institution
14 in which the eligible applicant enrolls.

15 (c) ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or another~~
16 ~~law; a change in the criteria for or the amount of an exemption awarded~~
17 ~~under this chapter enacted in the 2011 session of the general assembly~~



1 applies only to an individual who qualifies for an exemption under this
 2 chapter because of a father or mother (or in the case of section 1(a)(1)
 3 of this chapter, a related member) who enlisted or otherwise initially
 4 served in the armed forces of the United States after June 30, 2011.

5 SECTION 2. IC 21-14-4-2.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 6 1, 2024]. Sec. 2:5. (a) This section applies to an individual who
 7 qualifies as an eligible applicant under section 1(a)(3) of this chapter
 8 because the individual's father or mother:

9 (1) enlisted or otherwise initially served in the armed forces of the
 10 United States after June 30, 2011; and

11 (2) suffered a disability as determined by the United States
 12 Department of Veterans Affairs.

13 (b) This section does not apply to an individual who:

14 (1) is an eligible applicant under section 1(a)(3) of this chapter;
 15 and

16 (2) qualifies as an eligible applicant under section 1(a)(1) or
 17 1(a)(2) of this chapter.

18 (c) Subject to subsection (d) and section 2(b) of this chapter, the
 19 eligible applicant is entitled to a reduction in the educational costs that
 20 would otherwise apply as follows:

21 (1) If the individual's father or mother suffered a disability as
 22 determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
 23 with a rating of eighty percent (80%) or more, the individual is
 24 entitled to a one hundred percent (100%) reduction in education
 25 costs.

26 (2) If the individual's father or mother suffered a disability as
 27 determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
 28 with a rating of less than eighty percent (80%), the individual is
 29 entitled to a reduction in education costs equal to the sum of:

30 (A) twenty percent (20%); plus

31 (B) the disability rating of the individual's father or mother.

32 (d) The latest disability rating determined by the United States
 33 Department of Veterans Affairs for an individual's father or mother
 34 shall be used to compute the percentage by which education costs are
 35 reduced under this section. If the disability rating of the individual's
 36 father or mother changes after the beginning of an academic semester,
 37 quarter, or other period for which educational costs have been reduced
 38 under this section, the change in disability rating shall be applied
 39 beginning with the immediately following academic semester, quarter,
 40 or other period.

