

SENATE BILL No. 204

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-12-2-2; IC 21-15-2-1; IC 21-27-2-1.5.

Synopsis: Veterans educational matters. Excludes from the determination of financial eligibility for need based financial aid certain benefits received by veteran students. Provides for state educational institution students who are members of the Indiana National Guard or the reserves and are called to active duty during an academic term to receive: (1) a tuition refund or credit; or (2) reenrollment in courses not completed due to active duty status.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning military and veterans.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 21-12-2-2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2018]: **Sec. 2. (a) This section applies to an individual who**
4 **receives financial benefits or financial resources from the following**
5 **sources:**

6 (1) **The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended,**
7 **and other acts of Congress granting a right, privilege, or**
8 **benefit to veterans.**

9 (2) **The federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et**
10 **seq.) and amendments to that statute, including programs**
11 **administered by the division of disability and rehabilitative**
12 **services established by IC 12-9-1-1 under the federal act.**

13 (3) **The federal Social Security Act.**

14 (b) **When determining financial eligibility for need based**
15 **financial aid available to a veteran student (as defined in**
16 **IC 21-41-12-2), the commission may exclude any financial benefit**
17 **or financial resources received by the veteran student from any of**



- 1 **the following sources:**
- 2 **(1) The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended,**
- 3 **and other acts of Congress granting a right, privilege, or**
- 4 **benefit to veterans.**
- 5 **(2) The federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et**
- 6 **seq.) and amendments to that statute, including programs**
- 7 **administered by the division of disability and rehabilitative**
- 8 **services established by IC 12-9-1-1 under the federal act.**
- 9 **(3) The federal Social Security Act.**
- 10 SECTION 2. IC 21-15-2-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION
- 11 256, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 12 1, 2018]: Sec. 1. (a) This section applies to the board of trustees of the
- 13 following state educational institutions:
- 14 (1) Ball State University.
- 15 (2) Indiana University.
- 16 (3) Indiana State University.
- 17 (4) Purdue University.
- 18 (5) University of Southern Indiana.
- 19 (b) The board of trustees of a state educational institution may
- 20 award financial aid to students and groups of students out of the
- 21 available resources of the state educational institution through:
- 22 (1) scholarships;
- 23 (2) fellowships;
- 24 (3) loans; and
- 25 (4) remissions of fees, tuition, charges, or other funds;
- 26 on the basis of financial need, excellence of academic achievement or
- 27 potential achievement, or any other basis that the board of trustees
- 28 finds to be reasonably related to the educational purposes and
- 29 objectives of the institution.
- 30 (c) **When determining financial eligibility for need based**
- 31 **financial aid available to a veteran student (as defined in**
- 32 **IC 21-41-12-2), each state educational institution may exclude any**
- 33 **financial benefit or financial resources received by the veteran**
- 34 **student from any of the following sources:**
- 35 **(1) The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended,**
- 36 **and other acts of Congress granting a right, privilege, or**
- 37 **benefit to veterans.**
- 38 **(2) The federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et**
- 39 **seq.) and amendments to that statute, including programs**
- 40 **administered by the division of disability and rehabilitative**
- 41 **services established by IC 12-9-1-1 under the federal act.**
- 42 **(3) The federal Social Security Act.**



1 SECTION 3. IC 21-27-2-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2018]: **Sec. 1.5. (a) As used in this section, "academic term" has**
4 **the meaning set forth in IC 21-12-1-2.**

5 **(b) As used in this section, "active duty" has the meaning set**
6 **forth in IC 10-16-7-23(a).**

7 **(c) As used in this section, "qualified student" means a member**
8 **of:**

9 **(1) the Indiana National Guard; or**

10 **(2) a reserve component of the armed forces of the United**
11 **States;**
12 **enrolled in a state educational institution.**

13 **(d) The board of trustees of a state educational institution shall**
14 **allow a qualified student called to active duty during an academic**
15 **term to exercise any of the following options:**

16 **(1) Reenroll in any course for which the qualified student had**
17 **remitted tuition but that the qualified student was not able to**
18 **complete due to active duty status. Course reenrollment shall**
19 **be offered to any qualified student:**

20 **(A) for a period not to exceed four (4) years after the date**
21 **of the qualified student's release from active duty; and**

22 **(B) without additional tuition, student fees, or related**
23 **charges.**

24 **(2) Receive a refund for tuition and fees paid by the qualified**
25 **student for the academic term in which the qualified student**
26 **was called or ordered to active duty.**

27 **(3) Receive a credit for a subsequent academic term in the**
28 **amount of the tuition and fees paid during the academic term**
29 **for courses that the qualified student did not complete due to**
30 **active duty status.**

31 **(e) If a qualified student has been fully reimbursed for tuition,**
32 **fees, and charges for a course that the qualified student did not**
33 **complete due to active duty status, the qualified student is not**
34 **entitled to further reimbursement under this section.**

