## **SENATE BILL No. 217**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-14-4-2.5.

**Synopsis:** Reduction of educational costs. Provides that certain eligible applicants for higher education cost exemptions are entitled to a 100% reduction in educational costs.

Effective: July 1, 2022.

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January 6, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Appropriations.



### Introduced

#### Second Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2022)

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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or *this style type* reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 21-14-4-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.112-2019,
2	SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3	JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 2.5. (a) This section applies to an individual who
4	qualifies as an eligible applicant under section $1(a)(3)$ of this chapter
5	because the individual's father or mother:
6	(1) enlisted or otherwise initially served in the armed forces of the
7	United States after June 30, 2011; and
8	(2) suffered a disability as determined by the United States
9	Department of Veterans Affairs.
10	(b) This section does not apply to an individual who:
11	(1) is an eligible applicant under section $1(a)(3)$ of this chapter;
12	and
13	(2) qualifies as an eligible applicant under section $1(a)(1)$ or
14	1(a)(2) of this chapter.
15	(c) Subject to subsection (d) and section 2(b) of this chapter, the
16	eligible applicant is entitled to a one hundred percent (100%)
17	reduction in the educational costs that would otherwise apply as



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1	follows:
2	$\frac{(1)}{(1)}$ if the individual's father or mother suffered a disability as
3	determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
4	with a rating of eighty percent (80%) or more, the individual is
5	entitled to a one hundred percent (100%) reduction in education
6	costs.
7	(2) If the individual's father or mother suffered a disability as
8	determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
9	with a rating of less than eighty percent (80%), the individual is
10	entitled to a reduction in education costs equal to the sum of:
11	(A) twenty percent (20%); plus
12	(B) the disability rating of the individual's father or mother.
13	(d) The latest disability rating determined by the United States
14	Department of Veterans Affairs for an individual's father or mother
15	shall be used to compute the percentage by which education costs are
16	reduced under this section. If the disability rating of the individual's
17	father or mother changes after the beginning of an academic semester,
18	quarter, or other period for which educational costs have been reduced
19	under this section, the change in disability rating shall be applied
20	beginning with the immediately following academic semester, quarter,
21	or other period.



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