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HOUSE BILL NO. 140

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN

STUDENT/TUITION: Provides that a veteran having a service-connected disability shall be entitled to resident classification for tuition amount purposes at La. public colleges and universities

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:2137(E), relative to resident classification for veterans for tuition amount
3 purposes at public colleges and universities; to provide that certain veterans having
4 a service-connected disability are entitled to resident classification for such purposes
5 without regard to length of time of residency in the state; to provide definitions; to
6 provide guidelines; to provide relative to implementation; to provide an effective
7 date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:2137(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §2137. Tuition fees for members of the armed forces and dependents and for certain
11 veterans; resident classification

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13 E.(1) Effective beginning with the 2012-2013 academic year and continuing
14 thereafter, a student who is enrolled in a Louisiana public college or university, who
15 is a veteran having a service-connected disability as determined by the United States
16 Department of Veterans Affairs, and who meets the other requirements of this
17 Subsection is entitled to resident classification for tuition amount purposes without
18 regard to length of time of residency in the state.

1 (2) For the purposes of this Subsection, the word "veteran" means a citizen
2 of the United States or a resident alien who has been released from military service
3 under a condition other than dishonorable and who meets at least one of the
4 following conditions:

5 (a) Has engaged in active duty in the United States Armed Forces.

6 (b) Is a member of the national guard or is a reserve enlistee called to active
7 duty for purposes other than training.

8 (c) Was a cadet or midshipman at a United States Armed Forces service
9 academy.

10 (3) The Board of Regents and each public postsecondary education
11 management board shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative
12 Procedure Act necessary to implement the provisions of this Subsection.

13 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
14 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
15 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
16 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
17 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that a student who is enrolled in a La. public college or university, who is a veteran having a service-connected disability, and who meets other specified eligibility criteria is entitled to resident classification for tuition amount purposes regardless of the length of time of residency in the state.

Proposed law provides that a student who is enrolled in a La. public college or university and who also is a veteran having a service-connected disability (as determined by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs) and who meets certain other eligibility criteria shall be entitled to resident classification for tuition amount purposes regardless of the length of time of residency in the states.

Proposed law defines the word "veteran" for this purpose and specifies that the veteran must have been released from military service under a condition other than dishonorable.

Proposed law is effective beginning with the 2012-1013 academic year. Requires that the Board of Regents and each public postsecondary education management board adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement its provisions.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:2137(E))