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HOUSE BILL NO. 435

BY REPRESENTATIVE LORUSSO

STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHIP: Provides scholarship opportunities to certain military veterans

1 AN ACT

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

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

9 §2137. Tuition fees for members of the armed forces and dependents; resident
10 classification

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12 E.(1) Effective for the 2012-2013 academic year and thereafter, a student
13 who is enrolled in a Louisiana public college or university, who is a veteran, and
14 who meets the other requirements of this Subsection, is entitled to resident
15 classification for tuition purposes without regard to length of time or residency in the
16 state.

17 (2) For the purposes of this Subsection, the word "veteran" means a person
18 who meets at least one of the following conditions:

1 (a) Has served on active duty for a continuous period of no less than two
2 years, and received an Honorable Discharge, as verified by a Department of Defense
3 Form 214, within one year of enrolling in a Louisiana public college or university.

4 (b) Is currently serving in a Reserve Component of the Armed Forces of the
5 United States as defined by 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(4).

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

9 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
10 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
11 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
12 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
13 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, and who meets other eligibility requirements, shall be entitled to resident classification for tuition purposes without regard to length of time of residency in the state.

Present law provides for education of students in the state of La. Regulates public colleges, universities, or other institutions of learning with regards to requirements for admission. Provides that members of the armed forces and dependents shall be entitled to resident classification for tuition amount purposes without regard to length of time of residency in the state. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that a student who is enrolled in a La. public college or university, who is a veteran, and who meets certain other eligibility requirements, shall be entitled to resident classification for tuition amount purposes without regard to length of time of residency in the state. Becomes effective with the 2012-2013 academic year.

Proposed law defines "veteran" as a person who meets one of the following two conditions:

- (1) Has served on active duty for a continuous period of no less than two years, and received an Honorable Discharge, as verified by a Dept. of Defense Form 214, within one year of enrolling in a La. public college or university.

- (2) Is currently serving in a Reserve Component of the Armed Forces of the United States as defined by federal law.

Proposed law requires that the Board of Regents and each public postsecondary education management board adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act necessary to implement its provisions.

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

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