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HOUSE BILL NO. 435

BY REPRESENTATIVES LORUSSO, ABRAMSON, ADAMS, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, BADON, BARRAS, BARROW, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, STUART BISHOP, WESLEY BISHOP, BROADWATER, BROSSETT, BROWN, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANEY, CONNICK, COX, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOVE, EDWARDS, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GEYMANN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, GUILLORY, GUINN, HARRIS, HARRISON, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HONORE, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, GIROD JACKSON, KATRINA JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JOHNSON, JONES, KLECKLEY, LAMBERT, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LEOPOLD, LIGI, LOPINTO, MACK, MILLER, MONTOUCET, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, ORTEGO, PEARSON, PIERRE, PONTI, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RITCHIE, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SHADOIN, SIMON, SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, THIBAUT, THIERRY, THOMPSON, WHITNEY, ALFRED WILLIAMS, PATRICK WILLIAMS, AND WILLMOTT AND SENATOR JOHN SMITH

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 conditions and limitations; to provide relative to implementation;
6 to 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; and for
10 certain individuals who have served in the armed forces; resident
11 classification

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13 E.(1) Except for tuition charged to a veteran eligible for benefits under the
14 Yellow Ribbon Program pursuant to a Yellow Ribbon Agreement between a public

1 postsecondary education institution and the United States Department of Veteran
2 Affairs under 38 U.S.C. Chapter 33, effective for the 2012-2013 academic year and
3 thereafter, a student who is enrolled in or is applying for enrollment in a Louisiana
4 public college or university and who physically resides in Louisiana for the duration
5 of his enrollment in a state public institution of postsecondary education, who has
6 served in the armed forces of the United States as defined by 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(4),
7 and who also meets the requirements of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection is entitled
8 to resident classification for tuition purposes without regard to length of time of
9 residency in the state.

10 (2) In addition to the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the
11 student shall meet at least one of the following conditions to qualify for resident
12 classification for tuition amount purposes:

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

17 (b) Is currently serving in a Reserve Component of the armed forces of the
18 United States as defined by 10 U.S.C.101(c) and as verified by a memorandum from
19 the student's commanding officer.

20 (c) Has been assigned a service-connected disability by the United States
21 Department of Veterans Affairs.

22 (3) The Board of Regents and each public postsecondary education
23 management board shall adopt rules and guidelines necessary to implement the
24 provisions of this Subsection.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____