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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- TUITION FOR COVERED
INDIVIDUALS UNDER A POST 9/11 GI BILL AND MONTGOMERY GI BILL

Introduced By: Representatives Abney, Canario, Gallison, Ruggiero, and McNamara

Date Introduced: March 13, 2015

Referred To: House Finance

(Human Services)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 30 of the General Laws entitled "MILITARY AFFAIRS AND
2 DEFENSE" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 30.3

4 TUITION FOR COVERED INDIVIDUALS UNDER POST-911 GI BILL AND

5 MONTGOMERY GI BILL

6 **30-30.3-1. In-state tuition eligibility.** – (a) Pursuant to the reauthorization of the Federal
7 Higher Education Act of 2008 and passage of the Veterans, Access, Choice and Accountability
8 Act of 2014, the following individuals shall be entitled to pay tuition and fees at an institution of
9 higher education at the rates provided for Rhode Island residents without regard to the length of
10 time the person has lived in this state:

11 (1) Any active duty member or the spouse or dependent of an active duty member of any
12 branch of the uniformed services who has been on active duty for a period of more than thirty
13 (30) days; or

14 (2) Any active duty member who is injured while on active duty, and whose injuries
15 causes him or her to be on active duty for a period of less than thirty (30) days; or

16 (3) Any veteran of the uniformed services who is eligible for Federal GI Bill educational
17 benefits; or

18 (4) Any other individual who is eligible for transferred Federal GI Bill educational

1 benefits or the Fry Scholarship, provided that he or she lives in the state of Rhode Island while
2 attending a Rhode Island public postsecondary institution.

3 (b) The council of postsecondary education shall develop a policy and rules and
4 regulations to ensure that public postsecondary institutions in this state implement the changes set
5 forth in this section.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow all qualifying veterans, their spouses, and their children under
2 twenty-five (25) years old to pay resident tuition and fees at state colleges upon filing of a letter
3 of intent to establish residence and reside in the state while enrolled in that college.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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