

SENATE BILL 17

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-50-114; Section 8-50-115 and Title 49, relative to tuition waivers for Tennessee state guard members and spouses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-50-114, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

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(1) Members of the Tennessee state guard are eligible for enrollment in one (1) course per term at any state-supported college or university, technology center or the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute without paying tuition charges, maintenance fees, student activity fees, registration fees or online course fees for courses taken through the regents online degree programs; provided, that availability of waivers of online course fees for courses taken through the regents online degree program shall be limited each year by the amount of funds specifically appropriated for such online course fee waivers in the general appropriations act.

(2) Spouses of members of the Tennessee state guard are eligible for a fifty percent (50%) discount in tuition charges, maintenance fees, student activity fees, registration fees or online course fees for courses taken through the regents online degree programs for one (1) course per term; provided, that availability of waivers of online course fees for courses taken through the regents online degree program shall be limited each year by the amount of funds

specifically appropriated for such online course fee waivers in the general appropriations act.

(3) To be eligible for the tuition waiver or tuition discount provided for in this subsection (g), a person shall be required to provide proof of current active duty membership with at least one (1) year of prior service in the Tennessee state guard by the person or the person's spouse.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.