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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to out-of-state fee waivers for veterans and dependents; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; revising the Congressman C. W. "Bill" Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Program to include out-of-state fee waivers for certain individuals receiving specified federal educational benefits; requiring adoption of rules and regulations; revising a short title; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Subsection (13) of section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.26 Fee waivers.-

- (13) (a) There is established the Congressman C. W. "Bill" Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Program. A state university, Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, or charter technical career center shall waive out-of-state fees for the following individuals:
- 1. An individual who has been an honorably discharged from veteran of the United States Uniformed Services Armed Forces, the United States Reserve Forces, or the National Guard, and who physically resides in this state while enrolled in the institution, regardless of whether the individual is receiving

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federal G.I. Bill educational benefits.

- 2. Beginning July 1, 2015, an individual receiving educational benefits under 38 U.S.C. chapter 30, chapter 33, or chapter 35, who physically resides in this state while enrolled in the institution.
- (b) Tuition and fees charged to an individual a veteran who qualifies for the out-of-state fee waiver under this subsection may not exceed the tuition and fees charged to a resident student.
- (c) The waiver is applicable for 110 percent of the required credit hours of the degree or certificate program for which the student is enrolled. Each state university, Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, and charter technical career center shall report to the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education, respectively, the number and value of all fee waivers granted annually under this subsection.
- (d) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations and the State Board of Education shall adopt rules to administer this subsection.
- (e) (b) This subsection may be cited as the "Congressman C.W. 'Bill' Young <u>Veteran</u> Tuition Waiver Act."
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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