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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Providing for the tuition rate to be charged to veterans, their  
2 spouses and dependents at certain public institutions of  
3 higher education.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Veterans  
8 Tuition Rate Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Department." The Department of Education of the  
14 Commonwealth.

15 "Matriculating veteran student." An individual who has been  
16 admitted to a public institution of higher education, who is a  
17 veteran or a spouse or dependent of a veteran and who resides in

1 this Commonwealth while enrolled at the institution of higher  
2 education.

3 "Public institution of higher education." Any of the  
4 following:

5 (1) A university comprising the State System of Higher  
6 Education.

7 (2) The following State-related institutions:

8 (i) The Pennsylvania State University.

9 (ii) The University of Pittsburgh.

10 (iii) Temple University.

11 (iv) Lincoln University.

12 (3) Any institution which is designated after the  
13 effective date of this section as "State-related" by the  
14 Commonwealth.

15 Section 3. Tuition rate to be charged.

16 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a  
17 public institution of higher education shall charge a  
18 matriculating veteran student who satisfies the eligibility  
19 criteria under section 4 no more than the in-State resident  
20 tuition rate charged to persons domiciled in this Commonwealth  
21 by the institution of higher education.

22 Section 4. Eligibility criteria.

23 In order to be eligible for the tuition rate specified under  
24 section 3, a matriculating veteran student must:

25 (1) Be eligible for benefits under the provisions of 38  
26 U.S.C. Ch. 33 (relating to post-9/11 educational assistance).

27 (2) Remain domiciled in this Commonwealth during the  
28 course of study.

29 (3) During the course of study accept a community  
30 service position approved by the chief administrator of the

1 public institution of higher education or participate in an  
2 internship or co-op program established by the chief  
3 administrator.

4 Section 5. Effective date.

5 This act shall take effect in 60 days.