
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SIPTROTH, STERN, SWANGER AND VULAKOVICH, SEPTEMBER 29, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, SEPTEMBER 29, 2008

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 15, 1982 (P.L.1266, No.287),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act conferring limited residency
3 status on military personnel, their dependents and civilian
4 personnel assigned to an active duty station in
5 Pennsylvania," further providing for attendance at community
6 colleges.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of December 15, 1982
10 (P.L.1266, No.287), entitled "An act conferring limited
11 residency status on military personnel, their dependents and
12 civilian personnel assigned to an active duty station in
13 Pennsylvania," amended June 28, 1996 (P.L.420, No.60), is
14 amended to read:

15 Section 1. (a) General rule.--The term "resident" or
16 "residency," or any other term or expression used to designate a
17 Commonwealth resident student, when used to determine the rate
18 of tuition to be charged students attending community colleges,

1 State-related and State-owned institutions of higher learning
2 shall be construed to mean and include any veteran, their spouse
3 and dependent children or military personnel or their dependents
4 who are assigned to an active duty station in Pennsylvania and
5 who reside in Pennsylvania and any civilian personnel or their
6 dependents employed at a Department of Defense facility who are
7 transferred to Pennsylvania by the Department of Defense and who
8 reside in Pennsylvania. [Military] Veterans, their spouse and
9 dependent children, military personnel and their dependents and
10 civilian personnel and their dependents who are admitted to a
11 community college or a State-related or State-owned institution
12 shall be charged resident tuition rates provided that the
13 student is a resident under this section on the first day of the
14 semester or term of the college or institution.

15 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
16 words and phrases shall have the meanings given them in this
17 subsection:

18 "Community colleges." Institutions now or hereafter created
19 pursuant to Article XIX-A of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
20 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, or the act of
21 August 24, 1963 (P.L.1132, No.484), known as the Community
22 College Act of 1963.

23 "Local sponsor." A school district, municipality or county
24 board of school directors, or any combination of school
25 districts, municipalities or county boards of school directors,
26 which participate or propose to participate in the establishment
27 and operation of a community college.

28 "Local sponsor rate." The tuition charged to an individual
29 who is a resident of a school district or municipality that is a
30 member of the local sponsor of the community college.

1 "Member of a local sponsor." A school district or
2 municipality which, alone or with other districts and
3 municipalities, is included in a local sponsor.

4 "State-owned institutions." Those institutions which are
5 part of the State System of Higher Education pursuant to Article
6 XX-A of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the
7 Public School Code of 1949.

8 "State-related institutions." The Pennsylvania State
9 University, the University of Pittsburgh, Temple University and
10 Lincoln University and their branch campuses.

11 "Veteran." An individual who served in the United States
12 Armed Forces, including a reserve component or National Guard
13 and who was discharged or released from service under conditions
14 other than dishonorable.

15 (c) Attendance at community colleges.--A veteran, or the
16 spouse or dependent child of a veteran, who is admitted to a
17 community college shall be charged the local sponsor rate.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.