
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY 30, 2013

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 State-
6 related and State-owned institutions of higher learning and
7 community colleges.

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

10 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of December 15, 1982
11 (P.L.1266, No.287), entitled "An act conferring limited
12 residency status on military personnel, their dependents and
13 civilian personnel assigned to an active duty station in
14 Pennsylvania," amended June 28, 1996 (P.L.420, No.60) and July
15 9, 2010 (P.L.453, No.57), is amended to read:

16 Section 1. (a) General rule.--The term "resident" or
17 "residency," or any other term or expression used to designate a
18 Commonwealth resident student, when used to determine the rate
19 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 veterans, their
3 spouses and dependent children who do not currently reside in
4 Pennsylvania. The term shall also be construed to mean and
5 include military personnel [or their dependents], their spouses
6 and dependent children who are assigned to an active duty
7 station in Pennsylvania and who reside in Pennsylvania and any
8 civilian personnel [or their dependents], their spouses and
9 dependent children employed at a Department of Defense facility
10 who are transferred to Pennsylvania by the Department of Defense
11 and who reside in Pennsylvania. [Military]

12 (a.1) State-related or State-owned institutions.--Veterans,
13 their spouses and dependent children, military personnel [and
14 their dependents], their spouses and dependent children and
15 civilian personnel [and their dependents], their spouses and
16 dependent children who are admitted to [a community college or]
17 a State-related or State-owned institution shall be charged
18 resident tuition rates provided that the student is a resident
19 under this section on the first day of the semester or term of
20 the [college or] institution.

21 (a.2) Community colleges.--Veterans, their spouses and
22 dependent children, military personnel, their spouses and
23 dependent children and civilian personnel, their spouses and
24 dependent children who are admitted to a community college shall
25 be charged the local sponsor rate provided that the student is a
26 resident under this section on the first day of the semester or
27 term of the college.

28 (a.3) Distance learning tuition.--A community college,
29 State-related or State-owned institution of higher learning
30 [may] shall charge resident tuition rates to any active military

1 personnel and their dependents who are taking college courses or
2 receiving other education services through the Internet or by
3 other electronic means.

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

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

12 "Local sponsor." A school district, municipality or county
13 board of school directors, or any combination of school
14 districts, municipalities or county boards of school directors,
15 that participate or propose to participate in the establishment
16 and operation of a community college.

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

20 "Member of a local sponsor." A school district or
21 municipality that, alone or with other districts and
22 municipalities, is included in a local sponsor.

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

27 "State-related institutions." The Pennsylvania State
28 University, the University of Pittsburgh, Temple University and
29 Lincoln University and their branch campuses.

30 "Veteran." An individual who served in the United States

1 Armed Forces, including a reserve component or National Guard
2 and who was discharged or released from service under conditions
3 other than dishonorable and is eligible to receive benefits
4 under 38 U.S.C. Ch. 33 (relating to post-9/11 educational
5 assistance).

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.