

HOUSE BILL No. 2506

By Committee on Higher Education

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AN ACT relating to the state board of regents supervised educational institutions; concerning tuition charges.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. As used in this act “regents supervised institutions” means community colleges, state educational institutions as defined by K.S.A. 76-711 and amendments thereto, and technical colleges.

Sec. 2. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b), military personnel, dependent spouses and children of active United States military personnel who have been assigned to a duty station in Kansas shall be accorded resident fee privileges and shall continue to be accorded the resident fee privilege in the event such military personnel are reassigned to a duty station outside the state of Kansas.

(b) To qualify for the resident fee after a person previously assigned to Kansas has been transferred, a dependent spouse, child, the parent or guardian must have been enrolled, or was currently enrolled, in a Kansas higher education institution at the time of, or prior to, relocating or must have either completed three years of high school in Kansas or paid Kansas income taxes for three years.

Sec. 3. A Kansas resident who joins the military after graduating from a Kansas high school, or after attending a Kansas college or university, shall retain the resident fee privilege regardless of the time away in the military or the location of duty assignments.

Sec. 4. (a) Subject to the approval of the state board of regents, the president or chancellor of any regents supervised institution may charge resident fee tuition, or grant other tuition reductions, to specifically enumerated classes of students, and may specify related terms and conditions therefor. The president or chancellor of the institution shall not grant such tuition reductions or extensions of the resident fee privilege unless the president or chancellor determines that the net overall benefit to the institution and the state of Kansas will be enhanced by such action. In considering the exercise of authority pursuant to this section, the president or chancellor may take into account property ownership; percent of income earned in Kansas; voting residency; payment of Kansas taxes; contributions to the institution or the Kansas economy by the student, stu-

1 dent's employer, or persons recognizing the student's contribution to the
2 institution or state and such other factors as are deemed appropriate.

3 (b) The state board of regents shall maintain a written record of any
4 approvals granted pursuant to subsection (a).

5 Sec. 5. In the event that any student at a regents supervised insti-
6 tution has paid in-state resident fees for at least two semesters and such
7 student transfers to a different regent supervised institution, such student
8 shall be charged resident fees at such other institution except as may be
9 limited by rules and regulations adopted by the state board of regents.

10 Sec. 6. Any student who disagrees with the decision of a residence
11 appeal board or a residence committee may request the state board of
12 regents to review the decision. The state board of regents may adopt rules
13 and regulations relating to review procedures.

14 Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
15 publication in the statute book.

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