

HOUSE BILL No. 2626

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT concerning state educational institutions under the control and supervision of the state board of regents; relating to tuition and fee waivers for former prisoners of war.

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

Section 1. (a) State educational institutions under the control and supervision of the state board of regents shall provide a waiver of all tuition and fees required as a condition of enrollment for each person who was a prisoner of war while serving in any military service of the United States of America, who is a resident of Kansas, and who is enrolled at a state educational institution. The waiver shall be provided for not more than 12 semesters of instruction, or the equivalent thereof.

(b) Prior to providing this waiver, each state educational institution shall require each person applying for this waiver to provide official documentation verifying the person's military service and prisoner of war status.

(c) As used in this section, "military service" means any active service in any armed service of the United States and any active federal service in the Kansas army or air national guard;

(2) "prisoner of war" means a person who was a prisoner of war under Article 4 of the third Geneva Convention and any individual who was in military service in an armed conflict and who was taken prisoner by opposing forces, whether or not under an official declaration of war; and

(3) "resident of Kansas" means a person who is determined by the state educational institution to be a resident for tuition purposes.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.