

HB 1454 - DIGEST

Declares that, subject to the conditions in this act, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges, shall waive all tuition and fees for the following persons: (1) A child and the spouse of an eligible veteran or national guard member who became totally disabled as defined in RCW 28B.15.385 while engaged in active federal military or naval service, or who is determined by the federal government to be a prisoner of war or missing in action; and

(2) A child and the surviving spouse of an eligible veteran or national guard member who lost his or her life while engaged in active federal military or naval service.

Provides that a child must be a Washington domiciliary between the age of seventeen and twenty-six to be eligible for the tuition waiver and a child's marital status does not affect eligibility.

Declares that a surviving spouse must be a Washington domiciliary, and has ten years from the date of the death, total disability as defined in RCW 28B.15.385, or federal determination of prisoner of war or missing in action status of the eligible veteran or national guard member to receive the benefit. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse is ineligible for the tuition waiver.

Provides that each recipient's continued participation is subject to the school's satisfactory progress policy.