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1 AN ACT Relating to veterans' classification as resident students;  
2 amending RCW 28B.15.012; and providing an effective date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.012 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 148 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Whenever used in this chapter:

7 (1) The term "institution" shall mean a public university, college,  
8 or community college within the state of Washington.

9 (2) The term "resident student" shall mean:

10 (a) A financially independent student who has had a domicile in the  
11 state of Washington for the period of one year immediately prior to the  
12 time of commencement of the first day of the semester or quarter for  
13 which the student has registered at any institution and has in fact  
14 established a bona fide domicile in this state primarily for purposes  
15 other than educational;

16 (b) A dependent student, if one or both of the student's parents or  
17 legal guardians have maintained a bona fide domicile in the state of  
18 Washington for at least one year immediately prior to commencement of

1 the semester or quarter for which the student has registered at any  
2 institution;

3 (c) A student classified as a resident based upon domicile by an  
4 institution on or before May 31, 1982, who was enrolled at a state  
5 institution during any term of the 1982-1983 academic year, so long as  
6 such student's enrollment (excepting summer sessions) at an institution  
7 in this state is continuous;

8 (d) Any student who has spent at least seventy-five percent of both  
9 his or her junior and senior years in high schools in this state, whose  
10 parents or legal guardians have been domiciled in the state for a  
11 period of at least one year within the five-year period before the  
12 student graduates from high school, and who enrolls in a public  
13 institution of higher education within six months of leaving high  
14 school, for as long as the student remains continuously enrolled for  
15 three quarters or two semesters in any calendar year;

16 (e) Any person who has completed the full senior year of high  
17 school and obtained a high school diploma, both at a Washington public  
18 high school or private high school approved under chapter 28A.195 RCW,  
19 or a person who has received the equivalent of a diploma; who has lived  
20 in Washington for at least three years immediately prior to receiving  
21 the diploma or its equivalent; who has continuously lived in the state  
22 of Washington after receiving the diploma or its equivalent and until  
23 such time as the individual is admitted to an institution of higher  
24 education under subsection (1) of this section; and who provides to the  
25 institution an affidavit indicating that the individual will file an  
26 application to become a permanent resident at the earliest opportunity  
27 the individual is eligible to do so and a willingness to engage in any  
28 other activities necessary to acquire citizenship, including but not  
29 limited to citizenship or civics review courses;

30 (f) Any person who has lived in Washington, primarily for purposes  
31 other than educational, for at least one year immediately before the  
32 date on which the person has enrolled in an institution, and who holds  
33 lawful nonimmigrant status pursuant to 8 U.S.C. Sec. (a)(15) (E)(iii),  
34 (H)(i), or (L), or who holds lawful nonimmigrant status as the spouse  
35 or child of a person having nonimmigrant status under one of those  
36 subsections, or who, holding or having previously held such lawful  
37 nonimmigrant status as a principal or derivative, has filed an  
38 application for adjustment of status pursuant to 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1255(a);

1 (g) A student who is on active military duty stationed in the state  
2 or who is a member of the Washington national guard;

3 (h) A student who is the spouse or a dependent of a person who is  
4 on active military duty stationed in the state. If the person on  
5 active military duty is reassigned out-of-state, the student maintains  
6 the status as a resident student so long as the student is continuously  
7 enrolled in a degree program;

8 (i) A student who resides in the state of Washington and is the  
9 spouse or a dependent of a person who is a member of the Washington  
10 national guard;

11 (j) A student of an out-of-state institution of higher education  
12 who is attending a Washington state institution of higher education  
13 pursuant to a home tuition agreement as described in RCW 28B.15.725;

14 (k) A student who meets the requirements of RCW 28B.15.0131:  
15 PROVIDED, That a nonresident student enrolled for more than six hours  
16 per semester or quarter shall be considered as attending for primarily  
17 educational purposes, and for tuition and fee paying purposes only such  
18 period of enrollment shall not be counted toward the establishment of  
19 a bona fide domicile of one year in this state unless such student  
20 proves that the student has in fact established a bona fide domicile in  
21 this state primarily for purposes other than educational;

22 (l) A student who resides in Washington and is on active military  
23 duty stationed in the Oregon counties of Columbia, Gilliam, Hood River,  
24 Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union,  
25 Wallowa, Wasco, or Washington; (~~or~~)

26 (m) A student who resides in Washington and is the spouse or a  
27 dependent of a person who resides in Washington and is on active  
28 military duty stationed in the Oregon counties of Columbia, Gilliam,  
29 Hood River, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla,  
30 Union, Wallowa, Wasco, or Washington. If the person on active military  
31 duty moves from Washington or is reassigned out of the Oregon counties  
32 of Columbia, Gilliam, Hood River, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas,  
33 Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, or Washington, the  
34 student maintains the status as a resident student so long as the  
35 student resides in Washington and is continuously enrolled in a degree  
36 program; or

37 (n) A student who is a military veteran residing in Washington at

1 the time of his or her separation from military service, who is  
2 honorably discharged.

3 (3) The term "nonresident student" shall mean any student who does  
4 not qualify as a "resident student" under the provisions of this  
5 section and RCW 28B.15.013. Except for students qualifying under  
6 subsection (2)(e) or (j) of this section, a nonresident student shall  
7 include:

8 (a) A student attending an institution with the aid of financial  
9 assistance provided by another state or governmental unit or agency  
10 thereof, such nonresidency continuing for one year after the completion  
11 of such semester or quarter.

12 (b) A person who is not a citizen of the United States of America  
13 who does not have permanent or temporary resident status or does not  
14 hold "Refugee-Parolee" or "Conditional Entrant" status with the United  
15 States citizenship immigration services or is not otherwise permanently  
16 residing in the United States under color of law and who does not also  
17 meet and comply with all the applicable requirements in this section  
18 and RCW 28B.15.013.

19 (4) The term "domicile" shall denote a person's true, fixed and  
20 permanent home and place of habitation. It is the place where the  
21 student intends to remain, and to which the student expects to return  
22 when the student leaves without intending to establish a new domicile  
23 elsewhere. The burden of proof that a student, parent or guardian has  
24 established a domicile in the state of Washington primarily for  
25 purposes other than educational lies with the student.

26 (5) The term "dependent" shall mean a person who is not financially  
27 independent. Factors to be considered in determining whether a person  
28 is financially independent shall be set forth in rules adopted by the  
29 office of student financial assistance and shall include, but not be  
30 limited to, the state and federal income tax returns of the person  
31 and/or the student's parents or legal guardian filed for the calendar  
32 year prior to the year in which application is made and such other  
33 evidence as the board may require.

34 (6) The term "active military duty" means the person is serving on  
35 active duty in:

36 (a) The armed forces of the United States government; or

37 (b) The Washington national guard; or

1 (c) The coast guard, merchant mariners, or other nonmilitary  
2 organization when such service is recognized by the United States  
3 government as equivalent to service in the armed forces.

4 (7) The term "military veteran" means the person served in:

5 (a) The armed forces of the United States government; or

6 (b) The Washington national guard; or

7 (c) The coast guard, merchant marines, or other nonmilitary  
8 organization if such service is recognized by the United States  
9 government as equivalent to service in the armed forces.

10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2012.

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