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1 AN ACT Relating to ensuring eligible veterans and their
2 dependents qualify for in-state residency; and amending RCW
3 28B.15.012.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.012 and 2019 c 126 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Whenever used in this chapter:

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

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

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

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

1 of the semester or quarter for which the student has registered at
2 any 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
6 as such student's enrollment (excepting summer sessions) at an
7 institution in this state is continuous;

8 (d) Any student who has spent at least seventy-five percent of
9 both his or her junior and senior years in high schools in this
10 state, whose parents or legal guardians have been domiciled in the
11 state for a period of at least one year within the five-year period
12 before the student graduates from high school, and who enrolls in a
13 public institution of higher education within six months of leaving
14 high school, for as long as the student remains continuously enrolled
15 for 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
18 public high school or private high school approved under chapter
19 28A.195 RCW, or a person who has received the equivalent of a
20 diploma; who has lived in Washington for at least three years
21 immediately prior to receiving the diploma or its equivalent; who has
22 continuously lived in the state of Washington after receiving the
23 diploma or its equivalent and until such time as the individual is
24 admitted to an institution of higher education under subsection (1)
25 of this section; and who provides to the institution an affidavit
26 indicating that the individual will file an application to become a
27 permanent resident at the earliest opportunity the individual is
28 eligible to do so and a willingness to engage in any other activities
29 necessary to acquire citizenship, including but not limited to
30 citizenship or civics review courses;

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

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

3 (h) A student who is on active military duty or a member of the
4 national guard who entered service as a Washington resident and who
5 has maintained Washington as his or her domicile but is not stationed
6 in the state;

7 (i) A student who is the spouse or a dependent of a person who is
8 on active military duty or a member of the national guard who entered
9 service as a Washington resident and who has maintained Washington as
10 his or her domicile but is not stationed in the state. If the person
11 on active military duty is reassigned out-of-state, the student
12 maintains the status as a resident student so long as the student is
13 continuously enrolled in a degree program;

14 (j) A student who is eligible or entitled to transferred federal
15 post-9/11 veterans educational assistance act of 2008 (38 U.S.C. Sec.
16 3301 et seq.) benefits based on the student's relationship as a
17 spouse, former spouse, or child to an individual who is on active
18 duty in the uniformed services;

19 (k) A student who resides in the state of Washington and is the
20 spouse or a dependent of a person who is a member of the Washington
21 national guard;

22 (l) A student who has separated from the uniformed services with
23 any period of honorable service after at least ninety days of active
24 duty service; is eligible for educational assistance benefits under
25 Title 38 U.S.C.; and enters an institution of higher education in
26 Washington within three years of the date of separation;

27 (m) A student who is on terminal leave pending separation, or
28 release from active duty, from the uniformed services with any period
29 of honorable service after at least ninety days of active duty
30 service and is eligible for educational assistance benefits under
31 Title 38 U.S.C.;

32 (n) A student who is entitled to veterans administration
33 educational assistance benefits based on the student's relationship
34 as a spouse, former spouse, or child to an individual who has
35 separated from the uniformed services with any period of honorable
36 service after at least ninety days of active duty service, and who
37 enters an institution of higher education in Washington within three
38 years of the service member's date of separation;

39 ~~((n))~~ (o) A student who is a spouse or child to an individual
40 who has separated from the uniformed services with at least ten years

1 of honorable service and at least ninety days of active duty service,
2 and who enters an institution of higher education in Washington
3 within three years of the service member's date of separation;

4 ~~(p)~~ (p) A student who is entitled to veterans administration
5 educational assistance benefits based on the student's relationship
6 with a deceased member of the uniformed services who died in the line
7 of duty;

8 ~~((+o))~~ (q) A student who is entitled to federal vocational
9 rehabilitation and employment services for veterans with service-
10 connected disabilities under 38 U.S.C. Sec. 3102(a);

11 ~~((+p))~~ (r) A student who is defined as a covered individual in
12 38 U.S.C. Sec. 3679(c)(2) as it existed on July 28, 2019, or such
13 subsequent date as the student achievement council may determine by
14 rule;

15 ~~((+q))~~ (s) A student of an out-of-state institution of higher
16 education who is attending a Washington state institution of higher
17 education pursuant to a home tuition agreement as described in RCW
18 28B.15.725;

19 ~~((+r))~~ (t) A student who meets the requirements of RCW
20 28B.15.0131 or 28B.15.0139: PROVIDED, That a nonresident student
21 enrolled for more than six hours per semester or quarter shall be
22 considered as attending for primarily educational purposes, and for
23 tuition and fee paying purposes only such period of enrollment shall
24 not be counted toward the establishment of a bona fide domicile of
25 one year in this state unless such student proves that the student
26 has in fact established a bona fide domicile in this state primarily
27 for purposes other than educational;

28 ~~((+s))~~ (u) A student who resides in Washington and is on active
29 military duty stationed in the Oregon counties of Columbia, Gilliam,
30 Hood River, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla,
31 Union, Wallowa, Wasco, or Washington; or

32 ~~((+t))~~ (v) A student who resides in Washington and is the spouse
33 or a dependent of a person who resides in Washington and is on active
34 military duty stationed in the Oregon counties of Columbia, Gilliam,
35 Hood River, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla,
36 Union, Wallowa, Wasco, or Washington. If the person on active
37 military duty moves from Washington or is reassigned out of the
38 Oregon counties of Columbia, Gilliam, Hood River, Multnomah, Clatsop,
39 Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, or
40 Washington, the student maintains the status as a resident student so

1 long as the student resides in Washington and is continuously
2 enrolled in a degree program.

3 (3) (a) A student who qualifies under subsection (2) (j), (l), (m),
4 (n), (o), (~~(p)~~) (p), (q), or (r) of this section and who remains
5 continuously enrolled at an institution of higher education shall
6 retain resident student status.

7 (b) Nothing in subsection (2) (j), (l), (m), (n), (o), (~~(p)~~) (p),
8 (q), or (r) of this section applies to students who have a
9 dishonorable discharge from the uniformed services, or to students
10 who are the spouse or child of an individual who has had a
11 dishonorable discharge from the uniformed services, unless the
12 student is receiving veterans administration educational assistance
13 benefits.

14 (4) The term "nonresident student" shall mean any student who
15 does not qualify as a "resident student" under the provisions of this
16 section and RCW 28B.15.013. Except for students qualifying under
17 subsection (2) (e) or (~~(q)~~) (s) of this section, a nonresident
18 student shall include:

19 (a) A student attending an institution with the aid of financial
20 assistance provided by another state or governmental unit or agency
21 thereof, such nonresidency continuing for one year after the
22 completion of such semester or quarter. This condition shall not
23 apply to students from Columbia, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, or
24 Washington county, Oregon participating in the border county pilot
25 project under RCW 28B.76.685, 28B.76.690, and 28B.15.0139.

26 (b) A person who is not a citizen of the United States of
27 America, unless the person meets and complies with all applicable
28 requirements in this section and RCW 28B.15.013 and is one of the
29 following:

30 (i) A lawful permanent resident;

31 (ii) A temporary resident;

32 (iii) A person who holds "refugee-parolee," "conditional
33 entrant," or U or T nonimmigrant status with the United States
34 citizenship and immigration services;

35 (iv) A person who has been issued an employment authorization
36 document by the United States citizenship and immigration services
37 that is valid as of the date the person's residency status is
38 determined;

39 (v) A person who has been granted deferred action for childhood
40 arrival status before, on, or after June 7, 2018, regardless of

1 whether the person is no longer or will no longer be granted deferred
2 action for childhood arrival status due to the termination,
3 suspension, or modification of the deferred action for childhood
4 arrival program; or

5 (vi) A person who is otherwise permanently residing in the United
6 States under color of law, including deferred action status.

7 (5) The term "domicile" shall denote a person's true, fixed and
8 permanent home and place of habitation. It is the place where the
9 student intends to remain, and to which the student expects to return
10 when the student leaves without intending to establish a new domicile
11 elsewhere. The burden of proof that a student, parent or guardian has
12 established a domicile in the state of Washington primarily for
13 purposes other than educational lies with the student.

14 (6) The term "dependent" shall mean a person who is not
15 financially independent. Factors to be considered in determining
16 whether a person is financially independent shall be set forth in
17 rules adopted by the student achievement council and shall include,
18 but not be limited to, the state and federal income tax returns of
19 the person and/or the student's parents or legal guardian filed for
20 the calendar year prior to the year in which application is made and
21 such other evidence as the council may require.

22 (7) The term "active military duty" means the person is serving
23 on active duty in:

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

25 (b) The Washington national guard; or

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

29 (8) The term "active duty service" means full-time duty, other
30 than active duty for training, as a member of the uniformed services
31 of the United States. Active duty service as a national guard member
32 under Title 32 U.S.C. for the purpose of organizing, administering,
33 recruiting, instructing, or training and active service under 32
34 U.S.C. Sec. 502(f) for the purpose of responding to a national
35 emergency is recognized as active duty service.

36 (9) The term "uniformed services" is defined by Title 10 U.S.C.;
37 subsequently structured and organized by Titles 14, 33, and 42
38 U.S.C.; consisting of the United States army, United States marine
39 corps, United States navy, United States air force, United States
40 coast guard, United States public health service commissioned corps,

1 and the national oceanic and atmospheric administration commissioned
2 officer corps.

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