

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5162**

Chapter 349, Laws of 1995

54th Legislature  
1995 Regular Session

VIETNAM VETERANS--TUITION EXEMPTIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/23/95

Passed by the Senate April 21, 1995  
YEAS 47 NAYS 0

JOEL PRITCHARD

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 20, 1995  
YEAS 94 NAYS 0

CLYDE BALLARD

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved May 15, 1995

MIKE LOWRY

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5162** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MARTY BROWN

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Bauer, Oke, Snyder, Hargrove, Haugen, Kohl, C. Anderson and Winsley)

Read first time 02/03/95.

1            AN ACT Relating to tuition exemptions for veterans; and amending  
2 RCW 28B.15.620.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.620 and 1994 c 208 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) The legislature finds that military and naval veterans who have  
7 served their country in wars on foreign soil have risked their own  
8 lives to defend both the lives of all Americans and the freedoms that  
9 define and distinguish our nation. The legislature also finds that  
10 veterans of the Vietnam conflict suffered during and after the war as  
11 the country anguished over its involvement in the conflict. It is the  
12 intent of the legislature to honor Vietnam veterans for the public  
13 service they have provided to their country. It is the further intent  
14 of the legislature that, for eligible Vietnam veterans, colleges and  
15 universities waive tuition and fee increases that have occurred since  
16 October 1, 1977.

17            (2) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing  
18 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The  
19 Evergreen State College, and the community colleges may exempt veterans

1 of the Vietnam conflict who have served in the southeast Asia theater  
2 of operations from the payment of all or a portion of any increase in  
3 tuition and fees that occur after October 1, 1977, if the veteran  
4 qualifies as a resident student under RCW 28B.15.012(~~(, was enrolled in~~  
5 ~~state institutions of higher education on or before May 7, 1990, and~~  
6 ~~meets the requirements of subsection (2) of this section)~~).

7 (~~(2) Beginning with the fall academic term of 1994, veterans~~  
8 ~~receiving the exemption under subsection (1) of this section must meet~~  
9 ~~these additional requirements:~~

10 ~~(a) Remain continuously enrolled for seven or more quarter credits~~  
11 ~~per academic term or their equivalent, except summer term and not~~  
12 ~~including community service courses;~~

13 ~~(b) Have an adjusted gross family income as most recently reported~~  
14 ~~to the internal revenue service that does not exceed Washington state's~~  
15 ~~median family income as established by the federal bureau of the~~  
16 ~~census; and~~

17 ~~(c) Have exhausted all entitlement to federal vocational or~~  
18 ~~educational benefits conferred by virtue of their military service.)~~

19 (3) For the purposes of this section, "veterans of the Vietnam  
20 conflict" shall be those persons who have been on active federal  
21 service as a member of the armed military or (~~naval~~) naval forces of  
22 the United States between a period commencing August 5, 1964, and  
23 ending on May 7, 1975.

24 (4) This section shall expire June 30, (~~1997~~) 1999.

Passed the Senate April 21, 1995.

Passed the House April 20, 1995.

Approved by the Governor May 15, 1995.

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