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1 AN ACT Relating to tuition waivers for veterans of the global war
2 on terrorism; adding a new section to chapter 28B.15 RCW; and declaring
3 an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) It is the intent of the legislature to honor veterans of the
8 global war on terrorism for the public service they have provided to
9 their country. It is the further intent of the legislature that, for
10 eligible veterans of the global war on terrorism, institutions of
11 higher education waive tuition and fee increases that have occurred
12 after the 2001-02 academic year.

13 (2) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing
14 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The
15 Evergreen State College, and the community colleges may exempt veterans
16 of the global war on terrorism from all or a portion of increases in
17 tuition and fees that occur after the 2001-02 academic year, if the
18 veteran could have qualified as a Washington resident student under RCW

1 28B.15.012(2), had he or she been enrolled as a student on September
2 11, 2001.

3 (3) For the purposes of this section, "a veteran of the global war
4 on terrorism" means any person serving on active duty in the armed
5 forces of the United States on or after September 11, 2001, and before
6 a terminal date to be prescribed by the United States secretary of
7 defense, in support of operation enduring freedom or operation Iraqi
8 freedom. Active duty service under this section includes service
9 outside and within the United States.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
13 immediately.

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