
**College & Workforce Development
Committee**

HB 2542

Brief Description: Concerning tuition waivers for children of eligible veterans.

Sponsors: Representatives Paul, Dufault, Kilduff, Leavitt, Peterson, Graham, Smith, Volz, Ormsby and Shea.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Provides children of certain veterans eight years from the date of the veteran's disability determination to use the tuition waiver for veterans and National Guard members, if the determination of disability occurs after the child turns 18 years old.

Hearing Date: 1/22/20

Staff: Elizabeth Allison (786-7129).

Background:

Tuition Waiver.

Institutions of higher education may waive all or a portion of tuition and fees for eligible veterans and National Guard members. An eligible veteran or National Guard member is a Washington domiciliary who was an active or reserve member of the United States military or naval forces, or a National Guard member called to active duty, who served in active federal service under either Title 10 or Title 32 of the United States Code, in a war or conflict on foreign soil or in international waters or in support of those serving on foreign soil or in international waters, and if discharged from service, has received an honorable discharge or any other discharge if the sole reason for discharge is due to gender or sexuality.

Institutions must waive all tuition and fees for the children and spouse or surviving spouse of an eligible veteran or National Guard member who became totally disabled from serving in active federal military or naval service, or who is determined by the federal government to be a prisoner

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of war or missing in action, or who lost his or her life as a result of serving in active federal military or naval service. For a child to receive the tuition waiver, the child must be a Washington domiciliary between the age of 17 and 26.

Summary of Bill:

A child eligible for the tuition waiver based on a parent's total disability has eight years from the date of the parent's disability determination to use the tuition waiver if the determination of disability occurs after the child turns 18 years old.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 15, 2020.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.