

Senate Bill No. 536

(By Senators Stollings, Plymale, Unger, Yost, Kessler (Mr. President), Tucker, Cookman, Carmichael and Nohe)

[Introduced February 11, 2014; referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.]

**FISCAL
NOTE**

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18B-10-7d, relating to granting in-state tuition rates to veterans who were honorably discharged or received a discharge related to a medical issue resulting from their military service.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §18B-10-7d, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 10. FEES AND OTHER MONEY COLLECTED AT STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

§18B-10-7d. In-state tuition waivers for veterans.

The governing boards at state institutions of higher education

1 shall grant residency status to any veteran upon receipt of
2 necessary documentation that the veteran served one or more years
3 on active military duty and was honorably discharged or received a
4 discharge related to a medical issue resulting from his or her
5 military service. For purposes of this section "necessary
6 documentation" shall mean form DD-214 issued to each veteran upon
7 discharge from active duty, which documents the length and
8 character of service and the type of discharge. The governing
9 boards shall have the right to request additional documentation and
10 retain the authority to make the final determination on whether a
11 veteran qualifies and meets the necessary requirements for in-state
12 tuition rates.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide in-state tuition to honorably discharged and injured veterans regardless of state residency.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.