

Senate Bill No. 546

(By Senators Wells, Jenkins, Carmichael, Williams and D. Hall)

[Introduced February 12, 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-10-1d, relating
to requiring state institutions of higher education to charge
resident tuition rates to resident and nonresident members of
the military eligible for educational benefits under 38 U. S.
C. §3311.

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-10-1d, to read as
follows:

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

**§18B-10-1d. In-state tuition eligibility for service members
eligible for benefits under the Post-9/11 Veterans**

1 **Educational Assistance Act.**

2 Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary,
3 anyone, regardless of state residency status, meeting the
4 requirements for coverage set forth in 38 U.S.C. §3311 is entitled
5 to the same tuition rate at state institutions of higher education
6 as resident students of those institutions. Regardless of state
7 residency status, students meeting the requirements of
8 38 U.S.C. §3311 are only entitled to resident tuition rates for
9 four consecutive years from the date of enrollment. Any nonresident
10 students covered under this section are eligible to continue paying
11 resident tuition rates after the initial four-year period
12 immediately upon becoming West Virginia residents. This section
13 applies to both undergraduate and graduate education programs.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to offer in-state tuition at state colleges and universities to resident and nonresident members of the military eligible for educational benefits under the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill.

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