

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

## 2023 REGULAR SESSION

### Introduced

## House Bill 2968

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NOTE

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[Introduced January 24, 2023; Referred to the  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Homeland  
Security then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §18B-10-7e, relating to providing a waiver of tuition and fees at state  
 3 institutions of higher education and community and technical colleges for military veterans,  
 4 their spouses, and dependents, when that veteran has a service-related disability of 50  
 5 percent or greater.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

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

**§18B-10-7e. Tuition waivers for service-connected disabled veterans and their dependents.**

1 (a) The purpose of this section is to require state institutions of higher education, as well as  
 2 community and technical colleges, to provide a waiver of tuition and fees for military veterans, their  
 3 spouses, and their dependents, so long as that military veteran has a service-related disability of  
 4 50 percent or greater, as based on the Veterans Administration Schedule for Rating Disabilities  
 5 (VASRD).

6 (b) For every eligible veteran who is enrolled or will be enrolled as an undergraduate  
 7 student, the agreement shall provide for a waiver of the cost of tuition and mandatory fees, as well  
 8 as any eligible veteran who is or will be enrolled in a graduate or professional program.

9 (c) "Eligible veteran" means any individual who satisfies the 50 percent disability threshold.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide a waiver of tuition and fees at state institutions of higher education and community and technical colleges for military veterans, their spouses, and dependents, when that veteran has a service-related disability of 50 percent or greater.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.