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House Bill 4882

By Delegates Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Hornbuckle, Hornby, Kimble, Warner, Tully, Cooper, Heckert, and Fehrenbacher

[Passed March 7, 2024; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact §18B-10-1a of the West Virginia Code 1931, as amended, to extend in-state tuition rates to all members and veterans of the National Guard, reserves, and armed forces as well as their spouses and dependents, when they choose to move to West Virginia for the purpose of attending state institutions of higher education.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

§18B-10-1a. Resident tuition rates for members or veterans of the National Guard, reserves, armed forces, and their spouses and dependents.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, the following persons shall be charged in-state tuition rates at the state’s institutions of higher education regardless of domicile:

(1) Members of the National Guard or reserves who are not residents of West Virginia but who are active members of a National Guard or reserve unit in West Virginia;

(2) Current members of the United States armed forces who reside in or move to West Virginia;

(3) Veterans of the National Guard, a reserve unit, or the armed forces of the United States who reside in or move to West Virginia for the purpose of attending a state institution of higher education; and

(4) Spouses or dependents of a member or veteran of the National Guard, a reserve unit, or the armed forces of the United States who reside in or move to West Virginia with such member or veteran.

(b) The requirements of this section may not be construed to deny to a person eligible for in-state tuition rates under this section any waiver of tuition rates otherwise available to that person under any other provision of this code.

(c) The provisions of this section apply at the beginning of the semester or term immediately following the effective date of this section.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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 *Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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