STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

June 24, 2015

SUBJECT: Approval of New Rule 6A-14.0305, Out-of-State Fee Waiver for Veterans and Other Eligible Students

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1009.26, Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In response to the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014, the out-of-state fee waiver for military veterans has been expanded to include other eligible students. This new rule is intended to administer provisions of the out-of-state fee waiver.

Supporting Documentation Included: New Rule 6A-14.0305, F.A.C.

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6A-14.0305 Out-of-State Fee Waiver for Veterans and Other Eligible Students

- (1) Each Florida College System institution board of trustees, each district school board with a career center authorized under s. 1001.44, F.S. and each board of directors for a charter technical career center authorized under s. 1002.34, F.S., shall waive out-of-state fees for honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed and Reserve Forces (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy) and the National Guard (Army and Air) or any other student who is entitled to and uses educational assistance provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs who physically resides in Florida while enrolled as a degree or certificate seeking student. Tuition and fees charged to a student who qualifies for the out-of-state fee waiver under this subsection may not exceed the tuition and fees charged a resident student enrolled in the same program.
- (2) Each Florida College System institution board of trustees, each district school board with a career center authorized under s. 1001.44, F.S. and each board of directors for a charter technical career center authorized under s. 1002.34, F.S., shall adopt written policies and procedures for determining student eligibility to include verification of eligibility for educational assistance provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Evidence of eligibility includes:
- (a) A current Florida driver license or Florida identification card or other documentation to demonstrate physical residence in Florida.
- (b) Military separation documentation such as the most recent Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (i.e., DD Form 214) to demonstrate veteran and discharge status.
- (c) Documentation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs that the student requesting the outof-state fee waiver is eligible for educational assistance.
- (3) Pursuant to s. 1009.285, F.S., a student will be required to pay tuition at one hundred (100) percent of the full cost of instruction upon the third attempt of a course unless the Florida College System institution has granted an exception due to extenuating circumstances.

Rulemaking Authority 1009.26 FS. Law Implemented 1009.26 FS. History-New