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DFC Memo: 2022-16
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida College System Presidents

FROM: Kathryn S. Hebda 

DATE: October 28, 2022

SUBJECT: **Approval of New Rule 6A-10.0451, Florida Administrative Code, Tuition and Fee Waivers for Disabled Veterans**

In 2022, House Bill 45 (Chapter No. 2022-187, Laws of Florida) created section 295.011, Florida Statutes (F.S.), to establish a fee waiver for disabled veterans who are enrolled in a postsecondary program and receive educational assistance under the GI Bill, but who do not qualify for the 100 percent eligibility tier federally. This bill and the accompanying rule described herein create greater access to higher education for disabled veterans, building upon Florida's longstanding commitment to military service members.

On October 20, 2022, the State Board of Education approved Rule 6A-14.0582, Florida Administrative Code, Tuition and Fee Waivers for Disabled Veterans. The rule provides Florida College System (FCS) institutions with additional guidance to implement the waiver for eligible disabled veterans. A copy of the rule is attached for your reference.

Beginning in 2022-23, these students are eligible to receive a waiver in the amount that is the difference between the portion of tuition and fees authorized under federal law and the full amount of tuition and fees charged by the institution attended. The purpose of the proposed rule is to set forth the documentation needed to establish eligibility for the waiver, to provide notice of who and where information about the waivers must be provided to the Florida Department of Education, and to provide notice about limits on eligibility for the waiver.

Each college should review the statutory and rule requirements and update existing or prepare new policies and procedures to comply with provisions outlined in the statute and rule.

Attached are responses to several implementation questions that were raised during rule development. These frequently asked questions will be available on our website at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/veterans.stml>.

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A technical assistance webinar will be held on November 16 at 2:00 PM. To register for the webinar, please visit https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QXi6EwrBTZeuf0FH-kmw5w.

Please contact Dr. Shanna Autry, Director of Student Affairs, at Shanna.Autry@fldoe.org for questions regarding the rule.

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