

Reinstatement of Eligibility for Resident Tuition; HB 2567

HB 2567 reinstates eligibility for resident tuition rates at postsecondary institutions previously granted by the Legislature to certain military veterans and their families. This eligibility was inadvertently eliminated in 2015 HB 2154, legislation that brought Kansas into compliance with the federal Choice Act.

The explicit criteria in the bill provide resident tuition to those veterans and individuals who were inadvertently removed from coverage by 2015 HB 2154. Specifically, the veteran must have been permanently stationed in Kansas during service in the armed forces or have established residency in Kansas prior to service in the armed forces. In addition, the veteran or the veteran's spouse or dependent must live in Kansas at the time of enrollment.

The bill also provides reimbursement to any person enrolled in a Kansas postsecondary educational institution in the 2015-2016 school year who would have been entitled to resident tuition and fee rates if the eligibility criteria in this bill had been in effect during the 2015-2016 school year. The reimbursement is equal to the difference between any tuition and fee rates the person paid and the resident tuition and fee rates.