

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2689

By: Joyner, Banz, Pittman,
Roberts (Dustin), Roan,
Hoskin, Walker, Dorman
Bennett, Inman and Sherrer
of the House

and

Ellis of the Senate

An Act relating to higher education; making students who are dependents of certain military personnel eligible for in-state residency status; specifying eligibility criteria for resident tuition; providing for continuation of in-state status under certain conditions; providing for continuation of in-state status upon discharge; providing definition; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Higher education in-state status

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3247 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A student shall be eligible for in-state status regardless of the residency of the student if the student is the dependent child of a:

1. Person currently serving as a member of the active uniformed military services of the United States on full-time active duty status of more than thirty (30) days and for whom Oklahoma is the home of record; or

2. Person currently serving as a member of the military reserve on active duty orders of more than thirty (30) days and for whom Oklahoma is the home of record.

B. To be eligible for resident tuition as provided for in subsection A of this section and to maintain eligibility, the student shall:

1. Satisfy admission and retention standards as determined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for the appropriate type of institution;

2. Have secured admission to and enrolled in a full-time or part-time program of study at an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education;

3. Be enrolled in a program of study leading to an associate or a baccalaureate degree; and

4. Be continuously enrolled in a program of study at an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

C. A student who meets the requirements of this section shall continue to be classified as in-state status for as long as they remain continuously enrolled in a program of study at an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

D. A student who meets the requirements of this section shall continue to be classified as in-state status even after the person who was serving on active duty has been discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable as long as the student remains continuously enrolled in a program of study at an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

E. For purposes of this section, "home of record" means the place where one was living when the person enlisted or was commissioned into the military or reenlisted in the military.


SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of May, 2012.


Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 21st day of May, 2012.


Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Governor this 22nd
day of May, 20 12,
at 11:55 o'clock A.M.

By: Jonnie R. Poyson

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma the 25th day of
May, 20 12, at 10:43 o'clock A.M.


Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this _____
25th day of May, 20 12,
at 11:37 o'clock A M.

By: Michelle R. Day