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SB 1409: military veteran spouses; tuition scholarships

Sponsor: Senator Gowan, LD 19

Committee on Military Affairs & Public Safety

Overview

Expands the enrollment options that qualify for the Spouses of Military Veterans' Tuition Scholarship (Scholarship) to include private universities.

History

The Scholarship is administered by the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) and awards a tuition scholarship to any person who: 1) enrolls in a public university under ABOR jurisdiction or a community college; 2) is the spouse of an honorably discharged veteran; 3) qualifies for in-state student status; 4) is an Arizona resident at the time of applying for and while receiving a tuition scholarship; 5) submits the free application for federal student aid annually; 6) meets satisfactory academic progress standards; and 7) completes a *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974* release form ([A.R.S. § 15-1809](#)).

Scholarship monies are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis equal to the tuition and mandatory fees charged by the university or community college, reduced by any other financial aid. Those who receive Scholarship monies are limited to a maximum of eight semesters and are only to use the monies at a public university or a community college for a certificate, associate degree or baccalaureate degree ([A.R.S. § 15-1809](#)).

Provisions

1. Expands the enrollment options that qualify for the Scholarship to include private universities approved by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services. (Sec. 1)
2. Specifies that for students enrolled in a private university, the Scholarship will cover up to the average cost of in-state tuition and fees charged by universities under ABOR jurisdiction, reduced by any financial gifts, grants or aid provided to the student. (Sec. 1)
3. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1)

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