

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 24—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR)

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Referred to Committee on Education

**SUMMARY**—Revises provisions governing the tuition charges assessed against certain students within the Nevada System of Higher Education. (BDR 34-165)

**FISCAL NOTE:** Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the Nevada System of Higher Education; exempting certain students within the System from the assessment of tuition charges; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to assess tuition charges against students who are not residents of Nevada at all campuses of the Nevada System of Higher Education. The tuition charges are in addition to registration fees and other fees assessed against students who are residents of this State. Existing law also prohibits the Board of Regents from assessing tuition charges against certain students and veterans. (NRS 396.540) This bill expands the group of students against whom tuition charges must not be assessed by including: (1) students whose parent, legal guardian or spouse is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is on active duty and stationed at a military installation in this State or a military installation in another state which has a specific nexus to this State; (2) students whose parent, legal guardian or spouse is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was on active duty and stationed at a military installation in this State or a military installation in another state which has a specific nexus to this State on the date on which the student enrolled at an institution of the System if such students maintain continuous enrollment at an institution of the System; (3) students who are using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (38 U.S.C. § 3311(b)(9)); (4) members of the Armed Forces of the United States who are on active duty and stationed at a military installation in another state which has a specific nexus to this State; and (5) veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who were honorably discharged and who were on active duty while stationed



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22 at a military installation in this State or a military installation in another state which  
23 has a specific nexus to this State.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     **Section 1.** NRS 396.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2     396.540 1. For the purposes of this section:

3     (a) "Bona fide resident" shall be construed in accordance with  
4 the provisions of NRS 10.155 and policies established by the Board  
5 of Regents, to the extent that those policies do not conflict with any  
6 statute. The qualification "bona fide" is intended to ensure that the  
7 residence is genuine and established for purposes other than the  
8 avoidance of tuition.

9     (b) "Matriculation" has the meaning ascribed to it in regulations  
10 adopted by the Board of Regents.

11     (c) "Tuition charge" means a charge assessed against students  
12 who are not residents of Nevada and which is in addition to  
13 registration fees or other fees assessed against students who are  
14 residents of Nevada.

15     2. The Board of Regents may fix a tuition charge for students  
16 at all campuses of the System, but tuition charges must not be  
17 assessed against:

18     (a) All students whose families have been bona fide residents of  
19 the State of Nevada for at least 12 months before the matriculation  
20 of the student at a university, state college or community college  
21 within the System;

22     (b) All students whose families reside outside of the State of  
23 Nevada, providing such students have themselves been bona fide  
24 residents of the State of Nevada for at least 12 months before their  
25 matriculation at a university, state college or community college  
26 within the System;

27     (c) *All students whose parent, legal guardian or spouse is a*  
28 *member of the Armed Forces of the United States who:*

29         *(1) Is on active duty and stationed at a military installation*  
30 *in the State of Nevada or a military installation in another state*  
31 *which has a specific nexus to this State, including, without*  
32 *limitation, the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center*  
33 *located at Pickel Meadow, California; or*

34         *(2) Was on active duty and stationed at a military*  
35 *installation in the State of Nevada or a military installation in*  
36 *another state which has a specific nexus to this State, including,*  
37 *without limitation, the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training*  
38 *Center located at Pickel Meadow, California, on the date on which*



1 *the student enrolled at an institution of the System if such students*  
2 *maintain continuous enrollment at an institution of the System;*

3 *(d) All students who are using benefits under the Marine*  
4 *Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship pursuant to 38*  
5 *U.S.C. § 3311(b)(9);*

6 *(e) All public school teachers who are employed full-time by*  
7 *school districts in the State of Nevada;*

8 ~~[(d)]~~ *(f) All full-time teachers in private elementary, secondary*  
9 *and postsecondary educational institutions in the State of Nevada*  
10 *whose curricula meet the requirements of chapter 394 of NRS;*

11 ~~[(e)]~~ *(g) Employees of the System who take classes other than*  
12 *during their regular working hours;*

13 ~~[(f)]~~ *(h) Members of the Armed Forces of the United States who*  
14 *are on active duty and stationed at a military installation in the State*  
15 *of Nevada* ~~[-and~~

16 ~~—(g)]~~ *or a military installation in another state which has a*  
17 *specific nexus to this State, including, without limitation, the*  
18 *Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center located at*  
19 *Pickel Meadow, California;*

20 *(i) Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who*  
21 *were honorably discharged and who were on active duty while*  
22 *stationed at a military installation in the State of Nevada or a*  
23 *military installation in another state which has a specific nexus to*  
24 *this State, including, without limitation, the Marine Corps*  
25 *Mountain Warfare Training Center located at Pickel Meadow,*  
26 *California, on the date of discharge; and*

27 *(j) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, veterans of the*  
28 *Armed Forces of the United States who were honorably discharged*  
29 *within the 5 years immediately preceding the date of matriculation*  
30 *of the veteran at a university, state college or community college*  
31 *within the System.*

32 3. The Board of Regents may grant more favorable exemptions  
33 from tuition charges for veterans of the Armed Forces of the United  
34 States who were honorably discharged than the exemption provided  
35 pursuant to paragraph ~~[(g)]~~ *(j)* of subsection 2, if required for the  
36 receipt of federal money.

37 4. The Board of Regents may grant exemptions from tuition  
38 charges each semester to other worthwhile and deserving students  
39 from other states and foreign countries, in a number not to exceed a  
40 number equal to 3 percent of the total matriculated enrollment of  
41 students for the last preceding fall semester.

42 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

