

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 429—COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR
CITIZENS, VETERANS AND ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS)

MARCH 25, 2019

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Enacts provisions relating to veterans.
(BDR 18-168)

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 veterans; requiring the Department of
Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to designate
certain critical need occupations; requiring the
Department to determine whether certain grants are
available and apply for such grants; authorizing the Board
of Regents of the University of Nevada to grant a waiver
of certain fees to veterans who enroll in certain graduate
degree programs; and providing other matters properly
relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes the Department of Employment, Training and
Rehabilitation. (NRS 232.900-232.960) The Department works to support
employment and economic independence for disadvantaged, displaced or disabled
residents of this State. (NRS 232.910) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Department
to designate occupations as critical need occupations within the fields of science,
technology, engineering, arts or mathematics for the purposes of waiving fees
pursuant to **section 4** of this bill. **Section 1** also requires the Department to apply
for grants to assist the Nevada System of Higher Education in funding the costs of
the waiver of fees granted to a veteran pursuant to **section 4**. **Section 1** authorizes
the Department to accept gifts, grants and donations or other sources of money to
defray certain costs incurred by the Department. **Section 1** further requires the
Department to donate to the Nevada System of Higher Education any money
remaining from such gifts, grants and donations or other sources after payment of
the Department's costs. **Section 2** of this bill makes a conforming change.



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Existing law authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to grant a waiver of certain fees for certain persons with a connection to the Armed Forces. (NRS 396.544, 396.5442, 396.5445) **Section 4** authorizes the Board of Regents to grant a partial waiver of registration fees and other fees to a veteran in certain circumstances. **Section 4** requires that a veteran may receive such a grant only if: (1) the veteran has completed a bachelor's degree and is enrolled in or plans to enroll in a graduate degree program related to certain occupations in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics; and (2) the veteran or a third party will cover the remainder of the cost of the graduate degree program. **Section 4** also requires the veteran to maintain a 2.0 grade point average. **Section 5** of this bill authorizes the Board of Regents to accept gifts, grants, bequests and donations of money to fund the cost of providing the waiver of fees to a veteran.

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

Section 1. Chapter 232 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Department shall designate which occupations are critical need occupations within science, technology, engineering, arts or mathematics fields for the purpose of a waiver of registration fees and other fees granted to a veteran pursuant to section 4 of this act.

2. The Department shall determine whether grants are available to assist the Nevada System of Higher Education in defraying the costs of granting the waiver of registration fees and other fees to a veteran pursuant to section 4 of this act and apply for and accept any such grant.

3. The Department may accept gifts, grants and donations or other sources of money for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this section. The Department shall donate to the Nevada System of Higher Education, to be used to support the waiver of fees pursuant to section 4 of this act, any money remaining from such sources at the end of each fiscal year after the Department pays its expenses to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 2. NRS 232.900 is hereby amended to read as follows:
232.900 As used in NRS 232.900 to 232.960, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Department" means the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation.

2. "Director" means the Director of the Department.



1 **Sec. 3.** Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 4 and 5 of this act.

3 **Sec. 4. 1.** *The Board of Regents may grant a waiver of less*
4 *than half of the total registration fees and other fees for a veteran*
5 *who is a bona fide resident of this State if:*

6 *(a) The veteran has completed a bachelor's degree and is*
7 *enrolled in or plans to enroll in a graduate degree program within*
8 *the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts or mathematics*
9 *designated as a critical need occupation by the Department of*
10 *Employment, Training and Rehabilitation pursuant to section 1 of*
11 *this act; and*

12 *(b) The veteran or a third party will pay the remainder of the*
13 *registration fees and other fees of the graduate degree program.*

14 *↪ For the purpose of this subsection, a scholarship or a waiver of*
15 *registration fees or other fees received by the veteran for any*
16 *reason other than this subsection is deemed to be a payment by a*
17 *third party.*

18 **2.** *A veteran is eligible for a waiver pursuant to subsection 1*
19 *if the veteran maintains at least a 2.0 grade point average, on a 4.0*
20 *grading scale, each semester or the equivalent of a 2.0 grade point*
21 *average if a different scale is used.*

22 **3.** *As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning*
23 *ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.*

24 **Sec. 5.** *The Board of Regents may accept gifts, grants,*
25 *bequests and donations to fund waivers of registration fees and*
26 *other fees granted to veterans pursuant to section 4 of this act.*

27 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

