

ACT# 2009-590

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8 RFD: Education Appropriations

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ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to education; to authorize public two-year and four-year institutions of higher education in the state, including postsecondary technical colleges, community colleges, and junior colleges, to waive undergraduate tuition and fees for Purple Heart recipients.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section, a public institution of higher education includes public two-year and four-year institutions of higher education and postsecondary technical colleges, community colleges, and junior colleges located in the state.

(b) A public institution of higher education may waive undergraduate tuition and fees for each veteran who is the recipient of the Purple Heart and who satisfies all of the following:

(1) Is enrolled as a full-time, part-time, or summer school student in an undergraduate program that culminates in a degree or certificate.

(2) Is currently, and was at the time of the military action that resulted in the awarding of the Purple Heart, a resident of this state.

(3) Submits to the public institution of higher education the DD-214 form issued at the time of separation

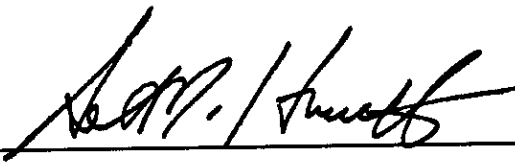
1 from service as documentation that he or she has received the
2 Purple Heart.

3 (c) The waiver provided to the recipient of a Purple
4 Heart may be applicable for up to 125 percent of the number of
5 required credit hours of the degree or certificate program for
6 which the veteran is enrolled. Nothing in this section shall
7 be construed to lower, or make an exception to, the admission
8 and retention standards or requirements of a public
9 institution of higher education affected by this section. Any
10 veteran, in order to obtain and retain the educational
11 benefits of this section, shall satisfy all scholastic and
12 other requirements for entrance into and continuing enrollment
13 in the applicable public institution of higher education.

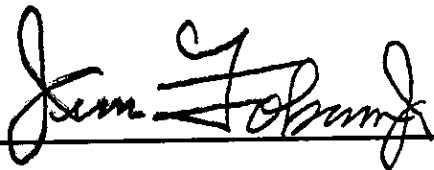
14 (d) The benefits provided by this section shall be
15 in addition to all other benefits provided by law and shall
16 only be available to an eligible veteran after he or she has
17 utilized all other educational benefits, excluding any benefit
18 that is partially funded by the veteran, such as those
19 benefits provided in the federal Montgomery GI Bill, also
20 known as Chapter 30.

21 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
22 first day of the third month following its passage and
23 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives



President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 16-APR-09.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

14-MAY-09

Senate

Passed

APPROVED May 20, 2009
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GOVERNOR

Alabama Secretary Of State

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