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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- TUITION FOR COVERED
INDIVIDUALS UNDER A POST 9/11 GI BILL AND MONTGOMERY GI BILL

Introduced By: Representatives Abney, Canario, Gallison, Ruggiero, and McNamara

Date Introduced: March 13, 2015

Referred To: House Finance

(Human Services)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The General Laws are hereby amended by adding thereto the following
2 title:

3 TITLE 30.3

4 TUITION FOR COVERED INDIVIDUALS UNDER A POST 9/11 GI BILL AND

5 MONTGOMERY GI BILL

6 **30.30.3-1. In-state tuition eligibility --** (a) A person who is a covered individual as
7 described in subsection (b) of this section is entitled to pay tuition and fees at an institution of
8 higher education at the rates provided for Rhode Island residents without regard to the length of
9 time the person has resided in this state if the person files with the institution at which the person
10 intends to register a letter of intent to establish residence in this state and resides in this state
11 while enrolled in the institution.

12 (b) A covered individual is a person who: (1) Is eligible for benefits under the federal
13 Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (38 U.S.C. § 3301, et seq.) or any other
14 federal law authorizing educational benefits for veterans; (2) Is the spouse of a person described
15 by subdivision (1); or (3) Is a child of a person described by subdivision (1) who is twenty-five
16 (25) years of age or younger on the first day of the semester or other academic term for which the
17 person is registering, except that the Rhode Island board of education by rule shall prescribe
18 procedures by which a person who suffered from a severe illness or other debilitating condition

1 [that affected the person's ability to use the benefit provided by this section before reaching that](#)
2 [age may be granted additional time to use the benefit corresponding to the time the person was](#)
3 [unable to use the benefit because of the illness or condition.](#)

4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would allow all qualifying veterans, their spouses, and their children under
2 twenty-five (25) years old to pay resident tuition and fees at state colleges upon filing of a letter
3 of intent to establish residence and reside in the state while enrolled in that college.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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