




June 18, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Board of Trustees
FROM: Jim Murdaugh, President 
SUBJECT: Tuition & Fee Waiver for Active Duty Military

Item Description

Tuition & Fee Waiver for Active Duty Military

Overview and Background

During their 2018 session, Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 460 which addressed postsecondary fee waivers. As approved, the bill added language to section 1009.26 Florida Statutes to read as "A Florida College System institution may waive any portion of the student activity and service fee, the financial aid fee, the technology fee, the capital improvement fee, and any other fees authorized in s. 1009.23 for a person which is an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States and is using military tuition assistance provided by the United States Department of Defense."

Separate from the existing Legislature-directed Bill Young Veteran Waiver Act, which exempts the out-of-state fees for eligible members of the armed forces, this waiver would exempt all tuition and fees for active duty military members.

Since the revision states that the institution 'may waive' any portion of the specified fees, the College requests the Board's consideration of this waiver and the additional benefit to the active duty military who also attend TCC.

Past Actions by the Board

None taken.

Funding/Financial Implications

The College estimates there will be 10-15 students that will utilize this waiver this year, which would result in less than \$5,000 in loss fee revenue each fiscal year.

Staff Resource

Barbara Wills

Recommended Action

Approve the creation of a College tuition and fee waiver for students who are active duty military, to be effective July 1, 2018.

By Senator Gainer

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to postsecondary fee waivers; amending
3 s. 1009.26, F.S.; authorizing a Florida College System
4 institution to waive any portion of certain
5 postsecondary fees for active duty members of the
6 Armed Forces of the United States who use military
7 tuition assistance; specifying that the student who
8 receives the fee waiver may be reported for state
9 funding purposes; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Subsection (15) is added to section 1009.26,
14 Florida Statutes, to read:

15 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

16 (15) A Florida College System institution may waive any
17 portion of the student activity and service fee, the financial
18 aid fee, the technology fee, the capital improvement fee, and
19 any other fees authorized in s. 1009.23 for a person who is an
20 active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States and
21 is using military tuition assistance provided by the United
22 States Department of Defense. A student who receives a fee
23 waiver under this subsection may be reported for state funding
24 purposes.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.