



KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

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Kansas Extends In-State Tuition Rates to Veterans and All Current Members of the Armed Forces Nationwide

(Topeka, Kansas) - Today Kansas Governor Sam Brownback signed into law HB 2154, which includes authorization for all veterans eligible for federal education benefits, along with all current members of the armed forces, to be eligible for in-state tuition rates at all 32 public postsecondary colleges and universities in Kansas, effective July 1, 2015, regardless of time spent in the state.

“The Board of Regents appreciates the efforts being made nationally and now here in Kansas to better serve our nation’s veterans and all current members of the armed forces,” stated Kenny Wilk, Chairman of the Kansas Board of Regents. “I am confident all our public postsecondary institutions will continue to do their best to serve these students and their families.”

Federal legislation passed last year, known as the “Veterans’ Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014,” requires all public colleges and universities to offer in-state tuition rates to veterans making use of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, who live in the state where the institution they intend to enroll at is located, and who file a letter of intent to establish residence in that state. Eligible veterans’ spouses and dependent children also qualify for in-state tuition rates.

In addition to extending this benefit to veterans, Kansas has declared all current members of the armed forces to be residents of the state for tuition and fee purposes (including army, navy, marine corps, air force, coast guard, Kansas army or air national guard, or any branch of the military reserves of the United States), along with current members’ spouses and dependent children, who are enrolled or have been accepted for admission at a Kansas postsecondary educational institution.

For more information, visit: <http://www.kansasregents.org/students/military>

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The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state’s six universities and the statewide coordinating board for the state’s 32 public higher education institutions (six state universities, one municipal university, nineteen community colleges, and six technical colleges). In addition, the Board administers the state’s student financial aid, adult education, high school equivalency, and career and technical education programs. Private proprietary schools and out-of-state institutions are authorized by the Kansas Board of Regents to operate in Kansas, and the Board continues to administer Kan-Ed, a program for facilitating and promoting distance learning and telemedicine in schools, libraries and hospitals. Visit the Kansas Board of Regents online at www.kansasregents.org.