

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER
Handbook Revision, In-State Tuition for Certain Veterans

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 396.540 provides that the Board of Regents may fix the tuition charges for students at NSHE campuses, but must not charge tuition to certain students, including for example, students who are residents of Nevada. Existing Board policy under *Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 3* (Tuition) and *Section 4* (Resident Students) of the Handbook recognize the provisions contained in NRS 396.540.

The 2013 Legislature passed [Assembly Bill 260](#) (Chapter 505, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*), which adds “veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who were honorably discharged within the 2 years immediately preceding the date of matriculation of the veteran at a university, state college or community college within the System” to the list of students for whom the Board must not charge tuition under NRS 396.540. In June 2013, the Board of Regents approved a policy revision under *Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 3* to reflect this addition. The 2015 Legislature passed [Assembly Bill 76](#) (Chapter 13, *Statutes of Nevada 2015*) and amended this section of State law to increase the timeframe from two years to five years.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Amend *Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 3* of the Handbook to align with A.B. 76 passed by the 2015 Legislature and specify that tuition shall not be charged to a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who was honorably discharged within the **five** (increased from two) years immediately preceding the date of matriculation of the veteran at any NSHE institution. (See attached policy proposal.)

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

This proposal is brought forward to revise Board policy regarding in-state tuition in response to A.B.76, which was passed by the 2015 Legislature and is effective on July 1, 2015.

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- This policy revision is required for Board policy to remain consistent with State law.
- Adoption of the revised policy will facilitate application of the new State law at the campus level.

POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

None have been presented at this time.

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

None have been presented at this time.

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title #____ Chapter #____ Section #____

X Amends Current Board Policy: Title #_4_ Chapter #_15_ Section #_3_

Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter #____ Section #____

Other:_____

Fiscal Impact: Yes X No _____

Explain: The number of veterans availing themselves of this provision at this time is unknown. Therefore, the fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 15, SECTION 3
Tuition – Veterans of Armed Forces

Additions appear in *boldface italics*; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

Section 3. Tuition

Tuition shall be charged to nonresident students except as otherwise provided in this section. Tuition shall not be charged:

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8. To a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who was honorably discharged and who on the date of discharge was on active duty stationed in Nevada, including a marine stationed at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center at Pickle Meadows, California, pursuant to military orders.
9. Except as otherwise provided in Subsection 8 of this Section, to a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who was honorably discharged within the [~~two~~ *five*] years immediately preceding the date of matriculation of the veteran at any NSHE institution.

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