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SUMMARY

- Qualifies active duty military service members, and their spouses and dependents, for in-state tuition at state institutions of higher education.
- Makes an exemption for the Veterans Memorial and Museum from open meetings and public records law.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Active duty military families as Ohio residents

The bill requires the Chancellor of Higher Education to grant Ohio residency to military service members on active duty and in active, reserve, or National Guard components of the uniformed services, as well as their spouses and dependents, for the purposes of qualifying for in-state tuition at state institutions of higher education. Military service members, spouses, and dependents do not need to establish domicile (a permanent home) in Ohio as of the first day of an institution's term of enrollment to qualify. But the student seeking in-state tuition must be actually living in the state by that date.¹

Background

Under current law, the Chancellor must define residency status for tuition purposes at state institutions of higher education. Statutory law specifies that the rules prevent individuals living in Ohio primarily to attend state institutions from being treated as residents of Ohio for the purposes of in-state tuition. The Chancellor also is generally required to consider veterans

¹ R.C. 3333.31(D).

who served on active duty, their spouses, and their dependents as residents of Ohio for such purposes.²

Additionally, current law prohibits state institutions of higher education from charging out-of-state tuition and fees to a nonresident student who is either a member of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in Ohio or a member of the National Guard. Similarly, state institutions are prohibited from charging out-of-state tuition and fees to the spouses or child dependents of nonresident students who meet those criteria.³

Veterans Memorial and Museum

The bill exempts the Veterans Memorial and Museum from open meetings and public records law.⁴ Under current law, the Museum's board of directors meetings and records must be conducted and maintained in accordance with Ohio's Sunshine Laws.⁵

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	02-12-19
Reported, H. Higher Education	04-10-19
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Reported, S. Higher Education	11-06-19

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² R.C. 3333.31(A), (B), and (C).

³ R.C. 3333.42, not in the bill.

⁴ R.C. 307.6910(E).

⁵ R.C. 121.22 and 149.43, neither in the bill.