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Sponsors: Reps. Daning, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, Cobb‑Hunter, M.S. McLeod, Felder, Huggins, Pitts, Taylor, Mitchell, Bales, Jefferson and Gambrell

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12/11/2014 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works**

1/13/2015 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 73](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2015\01-13-15.docx))

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1/15/2015 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Felder, Huggins, Pitts

2/5/2015 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Taylor

2/17/2015 House Committee report: Favorable **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 19](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2015\02-17-15.docx))

2/19/2015 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bales, Jefferson, Gambrell

2/19/2015 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 16](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2015\02-19-15.docx))

2/19/2015 House Roll call Yeas‑95 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 17](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2015\02-19-15.docx))

2/20/2015 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 2](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2015\02-20-15.docx))

2/24/2015 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2015\02-24-15.docx))

2/24/2015 Senate Referred to Committee on **Education** ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2015\02-24-15.docx))

2/25/2016 Senate Committee report: Majority favorable with amend., minority unfavorable **Education** ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2016\02-25-16.docx))

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COMMITTEE REPORT

February 25, 2016

**H. 3037**

Introduced by Reps. Daning, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, Cobb‑Hunter, M.S. McLeod, Felder, Huggins, Pitts, Taylor, Mitchell, Bales, Jefferson and Gambrell

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Read the first time February 24, 2015.

**THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3037) to amend Section 59‑112‑50, as amended, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to in‑state tuition rates for military personnel and their dependents, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Section 59‑112‑50, as contained in SECTION 1, by adding an appropriately‑lettered subsection at the end to read:

/ ( ) Notwithstanding another provision of law, a veteran of the United States Armed Forces, who has evidenced intent to establish domicile in South Carolina, and their dependents are entitled to receive in‑state tuition and fees at state institutions without the requirement of one year of physical presence in this State. For purposes of this subsection, a ‘veteran’ means an individual who has served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces and who has been honorably discharged from that service.”/

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTION 2 in its entirety and inserting:

/ SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2016. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Majority favorable. Minority unfavorable.

JOHN E. COURSON BRAD HUTTO

For Majority. For Minority.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑112‑50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO IN‑STATE TUITION RATES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE CRITERIA UNDER WHICH VETERANS WHO ARE HONORABLY DISCHARGED AND THEIR DEPENDENTS MAY RECEIVE IN‑STATE TUITION RATES, AND TO DEFINE RELATED TERMINOLOGY.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 59‑112‑50 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 133 of 2012, is further amended to read:

“Section 59‑112‑50. (A) Notwithstanding another provision of law, during the period of their assignment to duty in South Carolina, members of the Armed Services of the United States stationed in South Carolina and their dependents are eligible for in‑state tuition rates. When these armed service personnel are ordered away from the State, their dependents are eligible for in‑state tuition rates as long as they remain continuously enrolled at the state institution in which they are enrolled at the time the assignment ends or transfer to an eligible institution during the term or semester, excluding summer terms, immediately following their enrollment at the previous institution. In the event of a transfer, the receiving institution shall verify the decision made by the student’s previous institution in order to certify the student’s eligibility for in‑state tuition rates. It is the responsibility of the transferring student to ensure that all documents required to verify both the previous and present residency decisions are provided to the institution. ~~These persons and their dependents are eligible for in‑state tuition rates after their discharge from the armed services even though they were not enrolled at a state institution at the time of their discharge, if they have evidenced an intent to establish domicile in South Carolina and if they have resided in South Carolina for a period of at least twelve months immediately preceding their discharge.~~

(B)(1) Active duty military personnel may be charged less than the undergraduate tuition rate for South Carolina residents for courses that are presented on a distance basis, regardless of residency.

~~(B)~~(2) For purposes of this section, ‘active duty military personnel’ includes, but is not limited to, active duty guardsmen and active duty reservists.

(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a veteran of the Armed Services of the United States, who has evidenced intent to establish domicile in South Carolina and their dependents, are entitled to receive in‑state tuition and fees at state institutions without the requirement of one year of physical presence in this State. For purposes of this subsection, a ‘veteran’ is defined as an individual who has served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces and who has been honorably discharged from service.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2015.

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