**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Institutional Data Administrators

FROM: Dr. Christy England, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

THROUGH: Mr. Jason Jones, Chief Data Officer

DATE: August 13, 2021

SUBJECT: Congressman C.W. “Bill” Young Veteran Waiver Program and Active Duty Members of the Armed Forces

**DUE DATE: September 15, 2021**

Section 1009.26 (13), Florida Statutes, established the Congressman C.W. “Bill” Young Veteran Waiver Program, which requires a state university to waive out-of-state fees for a person who is:

* An honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the United States Reserve Forces, or the National Guard who physically resides in this state while enrolled in the institution, or
* Entitled to and uses educational assistance provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for a quarter, semester, or term beginning after July 1, 2015, who physically resides in this state while enrolled in the institution.

Tuition and fees charged to a student who qualifies for the out-of-state fee waiver may not exceed the tuition and fees charged to a resident student.

Additionally, section 1009.26(14), Florida Statutes, requires a state university to waive out-of-state fees for a person who is an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States residing or stationed outside of this state. Tuition and fees charged to a student who qualifies for the out-of-state fee waiver may not exceed the tuition and fees charged to a resident student.

Students who qualify for the waivers in sections 1009.26 (13) and (14) are eligible to use the waiver for undergraduate, graduate, certificate, market-rate, or online degree programs. Non-degree-seeking and students auditing courses are also eligible for this waiver. There is no limit on the number of courses that can be used with these waivers.

To determine current compliance with sections 1009.36 (13) and (14), please provide the waiver information on the institution’s website and in the academic catalog. Please submit the following information.

1. The links to the institution’s website pages regarding the Congressman C.S. “Bill” Young Veteran Waiver and the Active Duty out-of-state fee waiver.
2. The links to the institution’s website pages regarding the Congressman C.S. “Bill” Young Veteran Waiver and the Active Duty out-of-state fee waiver in the undergraduate and graduate academic catalogs.

Board staff will use the following documents, which are included with this request, to review compliance:

* Section 1009.26, Florida Statutes
* Board Regulation 7.008
* Chapter 31 information
* Technical Assistance for Implementation of Amended s. 1009.26(13-14), Florida Statutes, Active Duty Member & Congressman C. W. “Bill” Young Tuition Waivers, Updated July 2021

Institutions found non-compliant with the state and federal expectations are in jeopardy of the Florida State Approving Agency for Veterans’ Education and Training taking suspension or withdrawal actions regarding the institution’s approval to participate in VA Educational Benefit programs. Board staff will work with the appropriate university staff, as necessary, to ensure each university is complying with sections 1009.36 (13) and (14).

Please submit this information via the Data Request System at

<https://prod.flbog.net:4445/pls/apex/f?p=760> no later than **September 15, 2021**.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Dr. Lynn Nelson at lynn.nelson@flbog.edu.

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Attachments (4)

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