

HCS HB 168 -- VETERANS IN HIGHER EDUCATION (Davis)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Higher Education

This substitute allows a person who is separating from any branch of the United States military with an honorable discharge or a general discharge to have resident status for admission and in-state or in-district tuition at any approved public higher education institution in the state if the person can demonstrate presence within the state and, if attending community college, within the taxing district of the community college he or she attends. If any individual is eligible to receive federal or state student financial assistance, the full amount of the aid must be reported to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education within the Department of Higher Education by the institution and the individual. An individual cannot receive more than the actual cost of attendance when the lower tuition is combined with other aid.

The substitute establishes Clark's Law which prevents public higher education institutions from requiring a Missouri National Guard member to take a test or assessment within 24 hours of the guard member's return from active duty or a training exercise.