**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 111, TITLE 59 SO AS TO EXEMPT A PERSON WHO IS CALLED TO ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY FROM PAYING TUITION TO A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING OR A TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN THIS STATE WHEN HE RETURNS FROM SERVING HIS TERM OF ACTIVE DUTY PURSUANT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 111, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Article 11

Free Tuition After Active Military Duty

Section 59‑111‑810. (A) A person who is called to active military duty is exempt from paying tuition to a public institution of higher learning or a technical college in this State, as enumerated in Section 59‑111‑340, when he returns from serving his term of active military duty.

(B) Tuition in subsection (A) is exempt to the extent that the tuition is not covered by another federal, state, or private scholarship or grant.

Section 59‑111‑820. To receive the free tuition provided pursuant to Section 59‑111‑810:

(1) the student must be a resident of South Carolina;

(2) the student must be a member in good standing of the armed forces; and

(3) seats must be available as determined on a course‑by‑course basis during registration by the institution or college.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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