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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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3/16/2021 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 14](file:///h:\sj\20210316.docx))

3/16/2021 Senate Roll call Ayes‑42 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 14](file:///h:\sj\20210316.docx))

3/17/2021 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 15](file:///h:\sj\20210317.docx))

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4/22/2021 House Committee report: Favorable **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 23](file:///h:\hj\20210422.docx))

4/28/2021 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 26](file:///h:\hj\20210428.docx))

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(A29, R42, S241)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 59‑112‑50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF “COVERED INDIVIDUAL” FOR THE PURPOSES OF TUITION RATES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A VETERAN OR DEPENDENT ENROLL IN A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHIN THREE YEARS OF THE VETERAN’S DISCHARGE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.**

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

**Covered individuals expanded**

SECTION 1. Section 59‑112‑50(C) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 10 of 2019, is further amended to read:

“(C)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a covered individual enrolled in a public institution of higher education and receiving educational assistance under Chapter 30, Chapter 31, and Chapter 33, Title 38 of the United States Code are entitled to pay in‑state tuition and fees without regard to the length of time the covered individual has resided in this State.

(2) For purposes of this subsection, a covered individual is defined as:

(a) a veteran who served ninety days or longer on active duty in the uniformed service of the United States, their respective reserve forces, or the National Guard;

(b) a person who is entitled to and receiving assistance under Section 3319, Title 38 of the United States Code by virtue of the person’s relationship to the veteran described in subitem (a);

(c) a person using transferred benefits under Section 3319, Title 38 of the United States Code while the transferor is on active duty in the uniformed service of the United States, their respective reserve forces, or the National Guard;

(d) a person who is entitled to and receiving assistance under Section 3311(b)(9), Title 38 of the United States Code; or

(e) a person who is entitled to and is receiving assistance under Section 3102(a), Title 38 of the United States Code.

(3) A covered individual must live in this State while enrolled at the in‑state institution.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 4th day of May, 2021.

Approved the 6th day of May, 2021.

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