

# SENATE AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Amend \_\_\_\_\_ SCS/Senate Bill No. 968, Page 1, Section A, Line 2,

2 by inserting immediately after said line the following:

3 "173.900. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
4 the "Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act".

5 2. For the purpose of this section, the term "combat  
6 veteran" shall mean a person who served in armed combat in the  
7 military after September 11, 2001, and to whom the following  
8 criteria shall apply:

9 (1) The veteran was a Missouri resident when first entering  
10 the military; and

11 (2) The veteran was discharged from military service under  
12 honorable conditions.

13 3. All public institutions of higher education that receive  
14 any state funds appropriated by the general assembly shall limit  
15 the amount of tuition such institutions charge to combat veterans  
16 to fifty dollars per credit hour, as long as the veteran achieves  
17 and maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least two  
18 and one-half on a four-point scale, or its equivalent. The  
19 tuition limitation shall only be applicable if the combat veteran  
20 is enrolled in a program leading to a certificate, or an  
21 associate or baccalaureate degree. The period during which a  
22 combat veteran is eligible for a tuition limitation under this

1 section shall expire at the end of the ten-year period beginning  
2 on the date of such veteran's last discharge from service.

3 4. The coordinating board for higher education shall ensure  
4 that all applicable institutions of higher education in this  
5 state comply with the provisions of this section and may  
6 promulgate rules for the efficient implementation of this  
7 section.

8 5. If a combat veteran is eligible to receive financial  
9 assistance under any other federal or state student aid program,  
10 public or private, the full amount of such aid shall be reported  
11 to the board by the institution and the veteran. The tuition  
12 limitation under this section shall be provided ~~after~~ before  
13 all other federal and state aid for which the veteran is eligible  
14 has been applied[, and no combat veteran shall receive more than  
15 the actual cost of attendance when the limitation is combined  
16 with other aid made available to such veteran].

17 6. Each institution may report to the board the amount of  
18 tuition waived in the previous fiscal year under the provisions  
19 of this act. This information may be included in each  
20 institution's request for appropriations to the board for the  
21 following year. The board may include this information in its  
22 appropriations recommendations to the governor and the general  
23 assembly. The general assembly may reimburse institutions for  
24 the cost of the waiver for the previous year as part of the  
25 operating budget. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed  
26 to deny a combat veteran a tuition limitation if the general  
27 assembly does not appropriate money for reimbursement to an  
28 institution.

29 7. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined

1 in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated  
2 in this section shall become effective only if it complies with  
3 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if  
4 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are  
5 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general  
6 assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the  
7 effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are  
8 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking  
9 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2008,  
10 shall be invalid and void."; and

11 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.

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