

HCS HB 2155 -- NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT RESIDENT

SPONSOR: Davis

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Veterans by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with House Committee Substitute" by the Select Committee on Social Services by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill permits individuals currently serving in the Missouri National Guard, or individuals who are a reserve component service member whose home of record is Missouri, to have resident student status for the purpose of admission, in-state tuition at any approved public four-year institution, and in-state, in-district tuition at any approved two-year institution in Missouri.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that many guard members have done a great job responding to emergencies in Missouri. Missouri National Guard members swear allegiance to the Missouri Constitution, so for all intents and purposes they are Missourians and should be treated as such. National Guard members should be able to attend college at the same tuition rates as the Missourians they serve and just like any other military branch.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Davis; Office Of The Adjutant General; James Patterson; Dewey Riehn, MAVO; Enk J. Anthes; Shawn Mc Lafferty; and Pat Rowe Kerr.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.