

HB 419 -- TUITION FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

SPONSOR: Mayhew

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Veterans and Armed Forces by a vote of 19 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill clarifies that specified military service personnel, their spouses, and their unemancipated children under 24, individuals serving in the Missouri National Guard, and any individuals serving in a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, be considered Missouri residents for the purposes of any undergraduate or graduate degree program in Missouri institutions of higher education.

This bill is the same as HB 1832 (2024) and HB 1287 (2023).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this would allow military families to pay in state rates for tuition for undergraduate or graduate degree programs. If military families can get their education in Missouri, they are more likely to stay here and become a part of our workforce.

Testifying in person for the bill was Representative Mayhew.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.