

HB 2156 -- RETURNING HEROES' EDUCATION ACT (Davis)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Veterans

This bill changes provisions of the Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act that limit the amount of tuition all public institutions of higher education must charge a veteran. Currently, a veteran is eligible for a tuition limitation for 10 years after the date of his or her discharge from services. The bill removes this provision. Currently, the tuition limitation must be provided after all other federal and state aid for which the veteran is eligible is applied and no combat veteran is permitted to receive more than the actual cost of attendance when the limitation is combined with other available aid. The bill changes the law to require the tuition limitation be provided before all other aid is applied and repeals the provisions prohibiting a veteran from receiving more than the actual cost of attendance when the limitation is combined with other available aid.