FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT

DATE: June 24, 2010

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 7.008, Waiver of Tuition and Fees

SUMMARY: An amendment is being proposed to Board of Governors Regulation 7.008 to incorporate the following revisions: 1) House Bill 1363 modifies the statutory language regarding waivers for adoptive children; 2) the inclusion of a new waiver related to public school classroom teachers (House Bill 723); and 3) the language regarding intern supervisors has been clarified.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

AUTHORITY TO AMEND REGULATION(S): Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATION: Tim Jones, Chief Financial Officer

COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

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- (1) Each university board of trustees is authorized to waive tuition, non-resident tuition and associated fees for purposes that support and enhance the mission of the university. All tuition, non-resident tuition and associated fees waived must be based on regulations that are adopted by the university board of trustees and where applicable, consistent with regulations adopted by the Board of Governors.
- (2) Sponsored Credit Institutes and Programs Each university board of trustees is authorized to waive tuition, associated fees and material and supply fees for participants in sponsored credit institutes and programs.
 - (a) Sponsored credit institutes and programs are entities where substantially all the direct costs are paid by the external sponsoring entity, where there is no direct expenditure of Educational and General funds for the conduct of the programs, and where no fees or other assessments are collected from students by the sponsoring entity, the university, or any other entity.
 - (b) In determining whether the direct costs are paid by the sponsoring entity, funds paid directly to the participants in a form such as, but not limited to, stipends, travel or book allowances should not be taken into account. "Direct costs" refer to the costs associated with the instruction or training which a participant receives. All funds collected from sponsoring entities for sponsored credit institutes will be remitted to the university's contract and grants trust fund and/or auxiliary trust funds.
 - (c) Funds collected from courses offered through continuing education
 - should be budgeted in the Auxiliary Trust Fund. (d) Neither the number of participants nor student credit hours in these institutes and programs may be counted for state-funding Td(coun-)-2750iandAu01 Tc -0.00

- provided to a child under this section shall continue until the child's 25th birthday. The benefits provided to a spouse under this subsection must commence within 5 years after the death occurs, and entitlement thereto shall continue until the 10th anniversary of that death.
- (b) Upon failure of any child or spouse benefited by the provisions of this subsection to comply with the ordinary and minimum requirements of the institution attended, both as to discipline and scholarship, the benefits shall be withdrawn as to the child or spouse and no further moneys may be expended for the child's or spouse's benefits so long as such failure or delinquency continues.
- (c) Only a student in good standing in

- (5) Acceleration Each university board of trustees shall waive tuition and associated fees for students who earn credit in courses toward both a Florida high school diploma and an associate or baccalaureate degree, or students enrolled in a dual enrollment or early admission program
- (6) Florida Department of Children and Family Service Adoptions Each university board of trustees shall waive tuition and associated fees for any student who is or was at the time he or she reached the age of 18 in the custody of the Department of Children and Family Services or a relative under s. 39.5085;

- member would suffice until an updated DD-214 could be obtained and presented to the postsecondary institution. However, the updated DD-214 must be submitted to the postsecondary institution by the start of the student's next term of enrollment for continued eligibility for the waiver. In situations where a service member is on active duty and has not been issued a DD-214, the official (service specific) transmitting correspondence that would normally accompany such an award or a certification of the appropriate combat award by the service specific administrative record holder [e.g., Adjutant, G-1 (general staff officer personnel), or JAG (Judge Advocate General)] would meet the documentation requirement.
- (d) A waiver for a Purple Heart recipient or recipient of another combat decoration superior in precedence shall be applicable for 110 percent of the number of required credit hours of the degree or certificate program for which the student is enrolled. This waiver is considered "countable aid" for student financial aid purposes. Therefore, if this waiver is administered by an office other than the college financial aid office, college officials must notify the Director of Financial Aid that a student has qualified for the waiver. The waiver covers only tuition and fees associated with credit hour instruction provided directly by the university and does not include any additional fees that may be charged for specialized programs or by external organizations. This includes, but is not limited to, flight school, study abroad travel and living expenses, and courses taken elsewhere as a transient student.
- (13) State Employees Each university board of trustees shall waive tuition and associated fees for up to 6 credit hours per term on a space available basis for state employees.
- (14) University Employees Each university board of trustees may allow fulltime university employees to enroll up to 6 credit hours of tuition-free courses per term on a space available basis.
- (15) Florida residents 60 years of age or older Each university board of trustees may waive any or all application, tuition, and associated fees for persons 60 years of age or older who are residents of this state and who enroll to audit courses being offered for college credit. No academic credit shall be awarded for attendance in classes for which fees are waived under this subsection. This privilege may be granted only on a space-available basis, if such classes are not filled as of the close of registration. A university may limit or deny the privilege for courses which are in programs for which the Board of Governors has established selective admissions criteria. Persons paying full fees and state employees taking courses on a space-available basis shall have priority over

those persons whose fees are waived in all cases where classroom spaces are limited.

(16) Intern Supervisors – Persons who su

the original sentencing court has issued its order finding that the person neither committed the act, nor did not aid, abet or act as an accomplice or accessory to the act or offense.

- (20) A university may waive the tuition differential for students who meet the eligibility requirements for the Florida public assistance grant.
- (21) Public School Classroom Teacher Each university board of trustees may waive tuition and fees for a classroom teacher who is employed full-time by a school district and who meets the academic requirements established by the university for up to six credit hours per term on a space-available basis in undergraduate courses related to special education, mathematics or science approved by the Department of Education. The waiver may not be used for courses scheduled during the school district's regular school day.
- $(2\underline{21})$ Each university shall report the purpose, number, and value of all fee waivers granted annually in a format prescribed by the Board of Governors.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; History–Former BOR Rule 6C-7.008. History–Formerly 6C-2.53, Amended 7-19-74, Amended and Renumbered 12-17-74, Amended 1-10-78, 9-28-81, 8-11-85, Formerly 6C-7.08, Amended 12-25-86, 9-7-87, 12-9-91, 11-9-92, 9-23-93, 8-1-94, 10-10-95, 4-16-96, 12-15-97, Amended and Renumbered as 7.008 9-25-08, Amended 12-10-09, Amended XX-XX-10.