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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Career and Technical Education Directors  
District Technical Center Directors  
Adult Education Directors (district)

**FROM:** Rod Duckworth 

**DATE:** September 12, 2014

**SUBJECT: House Bill 851 and House Bill 7015 – Legislation with Tuition and Fees Effects for 2014-15**

Chapter 2014-1, Laws of Florida, (House Bill 7015) amended section 1009.26, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and created the Congressman C.W. Bill Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Program. This program authorizes an out-of-state fee waiver for honorably discharged veterans of the United States (U.S.) Armed Forces, U.S. Reserve Forces or the National Guard who physically reside in Florida. A career center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, F.S. or charter technical career center operated under s. 1002.34, F.S., must waive out-of-state fees for an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, the U.S. Reserve Forces or the National Guard who physically resides in this state while enrolled in the institution. Each district is encouraged to place information about this waiver in a prominent location on its website.

Chapter 2014-62, Laws of Florida, (House Bill 851) amended s. 1009.22 and 1009.26, F.S., and affects the tuition and fees policies for school district adult general education and career and technical education programs. Sections 2 and 5 of this act contain the following:

- Career centers operated by school districts and charter technical career centers must provide a tuition waiver for recipients of a Purple Heart or another combat decoration superior in precedence in accordance with the provisions in s. 1009.26(8), F.S.
- Effective July 1, 2014, for programs leading to a career certificate or an applied technology diploma, the standard tuition rate shall be raised \$2.33 per contact hour for residents and nonresidents and the out-of-state fee shall be raised to \$6.99 per contact hour.
- Career centers operated by school districts and charter technical career centers must provide for an out-of-state fee waiver for recent Florida high school graduates who meet certain conditions, including those who are undocumented for federal immigration purposes.
- A single block rate tuition for all students enrolled in adult general education is required. The out-of-state fee for non-residents was removed from the statute.

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For the waivers, each career center and charter technical career center is encouraged to place information about these waivers on its website in a prominent location so that information students need to determine their eligibility is readily available.

These laws became effective on July 1, 2014. See attachments for frequently asked questions on these bills.

For questions or more information, contact Tara Goodman at [tara.goodman@fldoe.org](mailto:tara.goodman@fldoe.org).

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Attachments