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House Bill 2110

By Delegate Boggs

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A BILL to amend and reenact §18B-10-7a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to senior citizens attending college classes at state institutions without receiving college credit; reducing the fee for seniors to attend classes without college credit; and changing the age for being deemed a senior citizen.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 10. FEES AND OTHER MONEY COLLECTED AT STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

§18B-10-7a. Tuition and fee waivers or adjustments for residents at least 60 years old.

(a) Each governing board shall promulgate a rule establishing a reduced tuition and fee program for senior citizens. The rule shall include at least the following:

(1) One option for individuals who attend undergraduate and graduate courses without receiving credit and one option for those who attend undergraduate and graduate courses for credit;

(2) A requirement that the following conditions be met under either option of the program:

(A) The participant is a resident of West Virginia;

(B) The participant is ~~sixty-five~~ 60 years of age or older; and

(C) Classroom space is available;

(3) A method of establishing priority for allowing a participant to attend a class or course;

(4) A determination of whether to require participants to pay special fees, including laboratory fees, if the fees are required of all other students;

(5) A determination of whether to require participants to pay for parking;

(6) Requirements for participants in the program under the no credit option:

(A) A grade or credit may not be given; and

(B) The total tuition and fees charged for each course or class, excluding laboratory and parking fees, may not exceed ~~$50 After July 1, 2004, the governing boards may change the maximum fee~~ $25; and

(7) A requirement for participants in the program under the for credit option that tuition and fee rates may not exceed ~~fifty percent~~ 50 percent of the normal rates charged to state residents by the institution.

(b) The provisions of this section apply to both classroom-based courses, electronic and internet-based courses, and all other distance education delivery.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to decrease the costs for senior citizens to audit state college classes; and reduce the age to be deemed a senior citizen from 65 to 60.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.