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**PA 19-172**—sHB 7248

*Veterans' Affairs Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING IN-STATE STUDENT STATUS FOR SPOUSES  
AND CHILDREN OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**

**SUMMARY:** By law, members of the armed forces stationed in the state, and their spouses and dependents (i.e., unemancipated children), are entitled to in-state student classification for tuition purposes at UConn, the Connecticut State Universities, the community colleges, and Charter Oak State College (i.e., institutions of higher education).

This act allows the spouses and unemancipated children residing in the state to maintain their in-state student classification if the service member is transferred out of state on military orders after the student has been accepted for matriculation in a degree-granting program. By law, “reside” means continuous and permanent physical presence within the state (temporary absences for short periods do not affect the establishment of residence).

The law, unchanged by the act, allows an unemancipated child to maintain in-state student classification if he or she had already started to pursue a degree at one of the institutions of higher education and continues, as a full-time student, to pursue the degree for which he or she was enrolled at the time his or her parent (i.e. the service member) transferred out of state.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2019