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Indiana Grants In-State Tuition to Military Members and Family Members

WASHINGTON, May 3, 2007 – In a special ceremony at Indiana's War Memorial in Indianapolis today, Governor Mitch Daniels signed new legislation to increase benefits for Indiana's veterans and military families. With this action, Indiana became the 31st state to provide full in-state tuition for active duty servicemembers and their families stationed there.

This type of tuition assistance allows in-state tuition rates for out-of-state servicemembers assigned to Indiana. Servicemembers and families assigned to Indiana will now be eligible for in-state tuition rates at state colleges and universities, and may remain enrolled in Indiana institutions and pay in-state rates even if parents are transferred elsewhere.

“The Department of Defense appreciates important efforts like this to support our mobile military families,” said Leslye A. Arsht, deputy assistant secretary of defense for Military Community and Family Policy.

In addition to the 31 states like Indiana, 16 states allow in-state tuition while the servicemember and his or her family members reside in the state, but do not specifically allow continuity of rates in case of relocation out of the state.

The new state legislation includes several other important military and veteran-related provisions. In particular, it will allow Indiana professional licensing agencies to put procedures in place to expedite the acquisition or renewal of a license or professional certification of a military spouse moving into the state with a Service member.