

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law (R.S. 17:3138.5) provided for a process whereby public postsecondary education institutions may be designated by the governor as a "Governor's Military and Veteran Friendly Campus".

New law expands the ability to earn a designation as a "Governor's Military and Veteran Friendly Campus" to all postsecondary education institutions in Louisiana.

Prior law provided that the Board of Regents shall establish the process, review the applications, and submit the applications and a report to the governor that indicates if an institution meets the eligibility requirements. Provided that a designation is for one year. Requires renewal applications to be reviewed by the Bd. of Regents and lists the information required in the renewal applications. Also provided that the Bd. of Regents shall verify that an institution continues to meet the eligibility requirements in order for the institution to continue to receive the designation.

New law provides that the criteria listed for initial designation and renewal are the minimum requirements.

Prior law provided for a military articulation and transfer process for public postsecondary education institutions and requires adoption and full implementation of this process as an eligibility requirement for designation as a military and veteran friendly campus.

New law retains prior law and additionally provides for the adoption and implementation of a military friendly articulation and transfer process for nonpublic postsecondary education institutions to be eligible for this designation.

New law adds completion rates of veterans, their spouses, and their children to the data required in the renewal application report. Additionally, provides that the Bd. of Regents may identify and require other military friendly information as part of the renewal application.

Prior law (R.S. 17:3165.2) required that the articulation and transfer agreements of public postsecondary education institutions maximize the articulation and transfer of credits earned by veterans.

New law clarifies prior law to ensure that a veteran's military education, training, and work experiences are reviewed and awarded appropriate academic and workforce credit upon application into Louisiana's public postsecondary education institutions and when transferring from one public postsecondary education institution in Louisiana to another.

Prior law provided that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran must request the evaluation of their transcript for prior learning credit.

New law requires the transcript of a veteran or the spouse of the veteran to be evaluated upon the disclosure of the military status on the application.

New law defines "veteran" as a former or current member of the U.S. Armed Forces or organized militia of the several states and territories, including but not limited to a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard, Air National Guard, Reserves, State Guard, or a commissioned officer of the Public Health Service, Environmental Science Services Administration, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or its predecessor, the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 21, 2021).

(Amends R.S. 17:3138.5(A), (B)(1), (B)(2)(intro para), (B)(2)(a), and (D)(4), and 3165.2(A), (B), (C)(1)(b), and (E))