

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 72

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS AND SENATOR FOIL

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES: Provides relative to the designation of military and veteran friendly campuses

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3138.5(D)(3) and (4)(introductory paragraph) and (E) and to  
3 enact R.S. 17:3138.5(F), relative to postsecondary education; to authorize the Board  
4 of Regents to establish additional tiers of recognition for institutions designated as  
5 military and veteran friendly campuses; to increase the duration of the designation;  
6 to provide relative to renewal and reporting; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3138.5(D)(3) and (4)(introductory paragraph) and (E) are hereby  
9 amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:3138.5(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §3138.5. Military and veteran friendly campus; designation; process; eligibility;  
11 applications

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13 D.

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15 (3) Designation of an institution as a "Governor's Military and Veteran  
16 Friendly Campus" shall apply for ~~one year~~; two years.

17 (4) After receiving the initial designation by the governor; and in accordance  
18 with timelines established by the board, an institution ~~annually~~ shall submit a  
19 renewal application to the Board of Regents prior to the expiration of a designation  
20 ~~in accordance with the timelines established by the board~~; and an interim report in

1 each year it is not submitting a renewal application. Each renewal application and  
2 interim report shall include, ~~a report that~~, at a minimum, ~~contains~~ all of the following  
3 information from the previous year as it relates to veterans:

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5 E. The Board of Regents may establish additional tiers of distinction for the  
6 purpose of recognizing higher levels of excellence demonstrated by institutions that  
7 have received the designation provided for in this Section. If the board establishes  
8 additional tiers, it shall provide for the criteria for each tier and the associated  
9 application process.

10 ~~E. F.~~ For purposes of this Section, "veteran" shall have the meaning as  
11 provided in R.S. 13:5364.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the Bd. of Regents to establish additional tiers of recognition for institutions designated as military and veteran friendly campuses.

Present law provides for a program for designating a postsecondary education institution as a "Governor's Military and Veteran Friendly Campus". Provides for program administration by the Bd. of Regents and that this designation applies for one year. Proposed law increases the designation's duration from one year to two years.

Present law requires that an institution annually submit a renewal application to the board that contains certain information related to its services and accommodations for students who are veterans or serving in the military. Proposed law instead provides that the renewal application be submitted prior to expiration of the designation and also requires submission of a report in each interim year containing the same minimum information.

Proposed law authorizes the board to establish additional tiers for further recognizing institutions that have received the designation.

(Amends R.S. 17:3138.5(D)(3) and (4)(intro.para.) and (E); Adds R.S. 17:3138.5(F))