

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 54

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

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

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES: Provides for the designation of a postsecondary education institution as a "Purple Star Campus"

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3138.5(B)(1) and (D)(3) and (4)(d) and to enact R.S.  
3 17:3138.5(B)(2)(f) through (i), relative to postsecondary education institutions; to  
4 change the name of a designation an institution may earn from "Governor's Military  
5 and Veteran Friendly Campus" to "Purple Star Campus"; to provide for  
6 requirements; to provide relative to the length of the term of the designation; and to  
7 provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:3138.5(B)(1) and (D)(3) and (4)(d) are hereby amended and  
10 reenacted and R.S. 17:3138.5(B)(2)(f) through (i) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §3138.5. ~~Military and veteran friendly campus;~~ Purple Star Campus; designation;  
12 process; eligibility; applications

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14 B.(1) The Board of Regents shall establish a process for a postsecondary  
15 education institution to be designated as a ~~"Governor's Military and Veteran Friendly~~  
16 "Purple Star Campus".

17 (2) To be eligible to receive the designation as specified in Paragraph (1) of  
18 this Subsection, an institution shall, at a minimum, meet all of the following criteria:

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20 (f) Designate a faculty or staff member to serve as a military liaison.



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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Changes name of designation of a military- and veteran-friendly postsecondary education institution and adds criteria for designation.

Present law provides for a program for designation of a postsecondary education institution as a "Governor's Military and Veteran Friendly Campus".

Proposed law changes name of designation to "Purple Star Campus".

Present law provides for program administration by the Bd. of Regents and that the designation applies for two years. Proposed law increases the designation's duration from two years to three years.

Present law requires certain eligibility criteria for institutions to qualify for the designation. Proposed law adds the following requirements:

- (1) Have a faculty or staff member serve as a military liaison.
- (2) Maintain a section on its website with resources for military students and their families.
- (3) Have a student-led transition program to acclimate military students to campus and the wider community.
- (4) Offer professional development opportunities for training faculty and staff on issues military students may face.

(Amends R.S. 17:3138.5(B)(1) and (D)(3) and (4)(d); Adds R.S. 17:3138.5(B)(2)(f)-(i))