
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))