
DIGEST

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Edwards

HB No. 500

Abstract: Relative to veterans who are students at La. public colleges and universities, provides for the award of educational credits for courses that are part of the student's military service and that meet certain academic standards. Requires each public postsecondary education management board to adopt certain polices (by not later than Jan. 1, 2012) as well as rules, regulations, and procedures to implement proposed law beginning with the 2012-2013 academic year continuing thereafter.

Proposed law requires each public postsecondary education management board to adopt (by not later than Jan. 1, 2012) a policy requiring each institution under the board's supervision and management to award educational credits to a student who is also a veteran for courses that are part of the student's military training or service and that meet the standards of the American Council on Education (or equivalent standards) for awarding academic credit and the award of credit is based on the institution's admission standards and its role, scope, and mission.

Defines the word "veteran" for purposes of proposed law. Also requires each board to adopt necessary rules, regulations, and procedures to implement proposed law effective beginning with the 2012-2013 academic year and continuing thereafter.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:3351(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Relative to conditions for the award of educational credit, adds proposed law provision that the award also be based on the institution's admission standards and its role, scope, and mission.
2. Deletes proposed law provision limiting tuition and mandatory fee charges for a student who is not a resident of the state and who is a veteran.
3. Changes definition of "veteran" for proposed law purposes.