

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES: Provides certain educational benefits for veterans who are students at La. public colleges and universities.

DIGEST

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 if 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.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Provides for technical amendments only.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the reengrossed bill.

1. Makes technical changes.