

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

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

Effective upon signature of governor (June 24, 2011).

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