



from a postsecondary educational institution that offers academic coursework to military personnel and their spouses pursuant to a contract with the DOD with the appropriate academic coursework, provided such institution is accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting body.

Proposed law requires the SATC to give proper consideration to the admissions standards and role, scope, and mission of each public postsecondary institution in developing the military articulation matrix.

Present law (R.S. 17:3351(E)) requires the public postsecondary education management boards to adopt a policy requiring each postsecondary institution under their management to award educational credits to veterans for courses that are part of the student's military training or service that meets the standards of the American Council on Education or equivalent standards for awarding academic credit if the award of such credit is based upon the institution's admission standards and role, scope, and mission.

Proposed law retains present law but requires that any policy adopted by a postsecondary education management board pursuant to present law must conform to the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law requires the SATC to meet not later than September 15, 2015, to begin the process of implementing the provisions of proposed law. Further provides that the provisions of proposed law shall be implemented not later than the beginning of the Spring semester of the 2015-2016 academic year.

Present law requires the Board of Regents to annually report to the Senate and House committees on education regarding the status of statewide articulation and transfer of credit across all educational institutions in the state and specifies the data to be included in the report.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that such report include:

- (1) The number of academic or workforce education credits awarded to veterans for their military education, training, and experience.
- (2) The number of academic credit hours earned by veterans and spouses of veterans from a postsecondary educational institution pursuant to a contract with the U.S. Dept. of Defense (DOD) that are transferred to a La. public postsecondary institution. Requires that a copy of every articulation agreement between a La. public postsecondary educational institution and a postsecondary educational institution under contract with the DOD shall be included in the report required by present law.

Proposed law specifies that this information be reported in aggregate and by public postsecondary educational institution.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:3161.1, 3165.2 and 3168(6))