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Present law (R.S. 17:3138.5) provides for a process whereby public postsecondary education institutions may be designated by the governor as a "Governor's Military and Veteran Friendly Campus".

Proposed law expands the ability to earn a designation as a "Governor's Military and Veteran Friendly Campus" to all postsecondary education institutions in Louisiana.

Present law provides that the Board of Regents shall establish the process, review the applications, and submit the applications and a report to the governor that indicates if an institution meets the eligibility requirements. Provides that a designation is for one year. Requires renewal applications to be reviewed by the Bd. of Regents and lists the information required in the renewal applications. Also provides that the Bd. of Regents shall verify that an institution continues to meet the eligibility requirements in order for the institution to continue to receive the designation.

Proposed law provides that the criteria listed for initial designation and renewal are the minimum requirements.

Present law provides for a military articulation and transfer process for public postsecondary education institutions and requires adoption and full implementation of this process as an eligibility requirement for designation as a military and veteran friendly campus.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides for the adoption and implementation of a military friendly articulation and transfer process for nonpublic postsecondary education institutions to be eligible for this designation.

Proposed law adds completion rates of veterans, their spouses, and their children to the data required in the renewal application report. Additionally, provides that the Bd. of Regents may identify and require other military friendly information as part of the renewal application.

Present law (R.S. 17:3165.2) requires that the articulation and transfer agreements of public postsecondary education institutions maximize the articulation and transfer of credits earned by veterans.

Proposed law clarifies present law to ensure that a veteran's military education, training, and work experiences are reviewed and awarded appropriate academic and workforce credit upon application into Louisiana's public postsecondary education institutions and when transferring from one public postsecondary education institution in Louisiana to another.

Present law provides that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran must request the evaluation of their transcript for prior learning credit.

Proposed law requires the transcript of a veteran or the spouse of the veteran to be evaluated upon the disclosure of the military status on the application.

Proposed law defines "veteran" as a former or current member of the U.S. Armed Forces or organized militia of the several states and territories, including but not limited to a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard, Air National Guard, Reserves, State Guard, or a commissioned officer of the Public Health Service, Environmental Science Services Administration, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or its predecessor, the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3138.5(A), (B)(1), (B)(2)(intro para), (B)(2)(a), and (D)(4), and 3165.2(A), (B), (C)(1)(b), and (E))