

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 500

BY REPRESENTATIVES EDWARDS, ARMES, AUSTIN BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BURFORD, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHANDLER, CHANEY, DIXON, DOERGE, FOIL, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HILL, HOWARD, GIROD JACKSON, ROSALIND JONES, KATZ, LABRUZZO, LANDRY, LEGER, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MCVEA, MONICA, NOWLIN, POPE, RICHARDSON, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SEABAUGH, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TEMPLET, THIERRY, AND WILLIAMS AND SENATORS APPEL, DORSEY, LAFLEUR, LONG, AND NEVERS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3351(E), relative to the powers, duties, and functions of public
3 postsecondary education management boards; to provide for the award of
4 educational credits to a student enrolled in a public college or university, who is also
5 a veteran, for courses that are part of the student's military training or service and
6 that meet certain academic standards; to provide definitions; to provide for
7 implementation, including the adoption of certain policies and necessary rules,
8 regulations, and procedures; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
9 related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 17:3351(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §3351. General powers, duties, and functions of college and university boards

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14 E.(1) In addition to any other power, duty, or function authorized by this
15 Section, each board shall adopt, by not later than January 1, 2012, a policy requiring
16 each institution under the board's supervision and management to award educational
17 credits to a student enrolled in the institution, who is also a veteran, for courses that
18 are part of the student's military training or service and that meet the standards of the
19 American Council on Education or equivalent standards for awarding academic

1 credit if the award of educational credit is based upon the institution's admission
2 standards and its role, scope, and mission.

3 (2) Each board shall adopt necessary rules, regulations, and procedures to
4 implement the provisions of this Subsection, effective beginning with the 2012-2013
5 academic year and continuing thereafter.

6 (3) For the purposes of this Subsection, the word "veteran" means a citizen
7 of the United States or a resident alien who has been released from military service
8 under a condition other than dishonorable and who meets at least one of the
9 following conditions:

10 (a) Has engaged in active duty in the United States Armed Forces.

11 (b) Is a member of the national guard or is a reserve enlistee called to active
12 duty for purposes other than training.

13 (c) Was a cadet or midshipman at a United States Armed Forces service
14 academy.

15 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
16 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
17 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
18 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
19 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____