

By Representative Arza

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to student withdrawal from  
 3           courses due to military service; requiring  
 4           rules by district school boards, community  
 5           college district boards of trustees, and  
 6           university boards of trustees; providing that a  
 7           student shall not suffer academic or financial  
 8           penalties; authorizing the refund of fees;  
 9           providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Each district school board, community  
college district board of trustees, and university board of  
trustees shall establish, by rule and pursuant to guidelines  
of the Florida Board of Education, policies regarding the  
withdrawal from courses and refund of any matriculation and  
fees paid by a student who withdraws or drops one or more  
courses due to call to or enlistment in active military  
service. Such policies shall provide that no student enrolled  
in a postsecondary course or courses at an area technical  
center, a public community college, a public college, or a  
state university shall suffer academic or financial penalties  
by virtue of performing military service on behalf of our  
country. A student shall be permitted the option of either  
completing the course or courses at a later date without  
penalty or withdrawing from the course or courses with a full  
refund of fees paid. If the student chooses to withdraw, the  
student's record shall reflect that the withdrawal is due to  
active military service.

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1           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
2 law.

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5                                   HOUSE SUMMARY

6           Requires rules by district school boards, community  
7 college district boards of trustees, and university  
8 boards of trustees relating to student withdrawal from  
9 courses due to call to or enlistment in active military  
service. Provides that academic or financial penalties  
shall not be applied.

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