

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to postsecondary education course
 3 registration for veterans; creating s. 1004.075, F.S.;
 4 requiring certain Florida College System institutions
 5 and state universities to provide priority course
 6 registration for veterans; providing eligibility
 7 requirements; creating s. 1005.09, F.S.; encouraging
 8 certain independent postsecondary educational
 9 institutions to provide priority course registration
 10 for veterans; providing an effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Section 1004.075, Florida Statutes, is created
 15 to read:

16 1004.075 Priority course registration for veterans.—Each
 17 Florida College System institution and state university that
 18 offers priority course registration for a segment of the student
 19 population, or upon implementation of priority course
 20 registration for a segment of the student population, shall
 21 provide priority course registration for each veteran of the
 22 United States Armed Forces who is receiving GI Bill educational
 23 benefits or for the spouse or dependent children of the veteran
 24 to whom the GI Bill educational benefits have been transferred.
 25 Each eligible veteran, or his or her spouse or dependent
 26 children, shall be granted priority for course registration
 27 until the expiration of the GI Bill educational benefits.

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28 Section 2. Section 1005.09, Florida Statutes, is created
29 to read:

30 1005.09 Priority course registration for veterans.—Each
31 independent postsecondary educational institution that is under
32 the jurisdiction of the commission or is exempt from the
33 jurisdiction of the commission which offers priority course
34 registration for a segment of the student population, or upon
35 implementation of priority course registration for a segment of
36 the student population, is encouraged to provide priority course
37 registration for each veteran of the United States Armed Forces,
38 or his or her spouse or dependent children, who is receiving GI
39 Bill educational benefits, in accordance with s. 1004.075.

40 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.