

By Senator Fasano

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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.

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

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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 and that 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.