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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Lee moved the following:

1           **Senate Amendment to Senate Amendment (285804) to House**  
2 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

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4           Between lines 1146 and 1147  
5 insert:

6           Section 21. Section 1004.096, Florida Statutes, is amended  
7 to read:

8           1004.096 College credit for military experience and  
9 training and education courses.—

10           (1) In consultation with the Department of Veterans'  
11 Affairs, the Board of Governors shall adopt regulations and the



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12 State Board of Education shall adopt rules that create a uniform  
13 system that enables ~~enable~~ eligible servicemembers or veterans  
14 of the United States Armed Forces to earn postsecondary academic  
15 ~~college~~ credit at public postsecondary educational institutions  
16 for experience and college-level training and education acquired  
17 in the military. The regulations and rules shall include  
18 procedures for credential evaluation and the award of  
19 postsecondary academic college credit, including, but not  
20 limited to, equivalency and alignment of military coursework  
21 with appropriate postsecondary college courses, and course  
22 descriptions, ~~type and amount of college credit that may be~~  
23 ~~awarded, and transfer of credit.~~

24 (2) The Articulation Coordinating Committee shall convene a  
25 workgroup by August 31, 2019, to develop a uniform process for  
26 determining when military experience and credentials are  
27 appropriate for postsecondary credit and to meet the  
28 requirements of this section.

29 (a) The workgroup shall be composed of the following 13  
30 members:

31 1. The chair of the Articulation Coordinating Committee,  
32 who shall serve as chair.

33 2. Four members representing academic affairs  
34 administrators and faculty from state universities, appointed by  
35 the chair of the Board of Governors.

36 3. Four members representing academic affairs  
37 administrators and faculty from Florida College System  
38 institutions, appointed by the chair of the State Board of  
39 Education.

40 4. Two members representing faculty from career centers,



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41 appointed by the chair of the State Board of Education.

42 5. Two members representing veterans, appointed by the  
43 executive director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

44 (b) The Office of K-20 Articulation shall provide  
45 administrative support for the workgroup.

46 (c) The workgroup shall provide recommendations regarding a  
47 uniform process for determining postsecondary course  
48 equivalencies and the minimum credit that must be awarded for  
49 military experience and credentials to the Board of Governors  
50 and the State Board of Education by December 1, 2019, for  
51 approval at the next publicly noticed meeting of each board.

52 (d) The Articulation Coordinating Committee shall  
53 facilitate the review of military experience and credentials for  
54 postsecondary course equivalencies and the amount of credit that  
55 must be awarded beginning no later than January 1, 2020, in  
56 accordance with the approved process.

57 (e) The Articulation Coordinating Committee shall approve a  
58 list of postsecondary course equivalencies and the minimum  
59 credit that must be awarded for military experience and  
60 credentials no later than November 30, 2020, and annually  
61 thereafter. The Board of Governors and the State Board of  
62 Education shall adopt the list approved by the Articulation  
63 Coordinating Committee at the next publicly noticed meeting of  
64 each board.

65 (f) State universities, Florida College System  
66 institutions, and career centers must award postsecondary credit  
67 for military experience and credentials based on the list  
68 adopted by the Board of Governors and the State Board of  
69 Education, if the credit is applicable toward the student's



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70 degree or certificate. Institutions may award additional  
71 postsecondary credit if appropriate. Credit awarded in  
72 accordance with minimum credit requirements is guaranteed to  
73 transfer to other state universities, Florida College System  
74 institutions, and career centers as if the credit were earned at  
75 the receiving institution.

76 Section 22. Subsection (16) is added to section 1009.26,  
77 Florida Statutes, to read:

78 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

79 (16) (a) A state university, Florida College System  
80 institution, career center operated by a school district under  
81 s. 1001.44, or charter technical career center shall waive the  
82 transcript fee for a person who is an active duty member or an  
83 honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces of the United  
84 States and his or her spouse and dependents.

85 (b) Each state university, Florida College System  
86 institution, career center operated by a school district under  
87 s. 1001.44, and charter technical career center shall report to  
88 the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education,  
89 respectively, the number and value of fee waivers granted  
90 annually under this subsection.

91 (c) The Board of Governors and the State Board of Education  
92 shall respectively adopt regulations and rules to administer  
93 this subsection.

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96 And the title is amended as follows:

97 Delete line 1363

98 and insert:



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99 requirements; amending s. 1004.096, F.S.; requiring  
100 the Board of Governors and State Board of Education,  
101 in consultation with the Department of Veterans'  
102 Affairs, to create a uniform system for the award of  
103 postsecondary credit to certain servicemembers and  
104 veterans of the United States Armed Forces; requiring  
105 the Articulation Coordinating Committee to convene a  
106 workgroup by a specified date; providing membership  
107 and duties of the workgroup; providing administrative  
108 support for the workgroup; requiring the workgroup to  
109 provide recommendations to the Board of Governors and  
110 State Board of Education by a specified date;  
111 requiring the Articulation Coordinating Committee to  
112 review and identify military experience and  
113 credentials for postsecondary credit by a specified  
114 date; requiring the Articulation Coordinating  
115 Committee to approve and the Board of Governors and  
116 State Board of Education to adopt a specified list;  
117 requiring certain postsecondary institutions to award  
118 credit for specified military experience and  
119 credentials; authorizing the award of additional  
120 credits; requiring that certain credits be  
121 transferrable between specified postsecondary  
122 institutions; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; requiring  
123 specified postsecondary institutions to waive the  
124 transcript fee for active duty members of the Armed  
125 Forces of the United States, certain veterans, and  
126 their spouses and dependents; providing reporting  
127 requirements for such institutions; requiring the



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128 Board of Governors and the State Board of Education,  
129 respectively, to adopt regulations and rules;  
130 providing an effective date.