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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
12/09/2019	.	
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The Committee on Education (Lee) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 1004.096, Florida Statutes, is amended  
to read:

1004.096 College credit for military training and education  
courses.—

(1) In consultation with the Department of Veterans'  
Affairs, the Board of Governors shall adopt regulations and the  
State Board of Education shall adopt rules that create a process



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12 that enables ~~enable~~ eligible servicemembers or veterans of the  
13 United States Armed Forces to earn uniform postsecondary  
14 ~~academic college~~ credit across all Florida ~~at~~ public  
15 postsecondary educational institutions for college-level  
16 training and education acquired in the military. The regulations  
17 and rules shall include procedures for credential evaluation and  
18 the uniform award of postsecondary ~~academic college~~ credit or  
19 career education clock hours, including, but not limited to,  
20 equivalency and alignment of military coursework with  
21 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 July 15, 2020, which is responsible for developing  
26 a process for determining postsecondary course equivalencies and  
27 the minimum postsecondary credit or career education clock hours  
28 that must be awarded for courses taken and occupations held by  
29 individuals during their service in the military.

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

32 1. The chair of the Articulation Coordinating Committee, or  
33 his or her designee, who shall serve as chair.

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

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



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41 4. Two members representing faculty from career centers,  
42 appointed by the State Board of Education.

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

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

47 (c) The workgroup shall establish a process for  
48 prioritizing and determining postsecondary course equivalencies  
49 and the minimum postsecondary credit or career education clock  
50 hours that must be awarded for courses taken and occupations  
51 held by individuals during their service in the military. The  
52 workgroup shall provide recommendations to the Board of  
53 Governors and the State Board of Education by December 1, 2020,  
54 for approval at the next meeting of each board to allow for  
55 adequate public notice.

56 (d) Upon approval of the workgroup's recommendations by the  
57 Board of Governors and the State Board of Education, the  
58 Articulation Coordinating Committee shall facilitate the review  
59 of courses taken and occupations held by individuals during  
60 their service in the military for postsecondary course  
61 equivalencies and the minimum postsecondary credit or career  
62 education clock hours that must be awarded in accordance with  
63 the approved process.

64 (e) Within 1 year after approval of the workgroup's  
65 recommendations by the Board of Governors and the State Board of  
66 Education pursuant to paragraph (c), the Articulation  
67 Coordinating Committee shall approve a prioritized list of  
68 postsecondary course equivalencies and the minimum postsecondary  
69 credit or career education clock hours that must be awarded for



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70 courses taken and occupations held by individuals during their  
71 service in the military. The list must be updated annually. The  
72 Board of Governors and the State Board of Education shall timely  
73 adopt the list approved by the Articulation Coordinating  
74 Committee at the next meeting of each board to allow for  
75 adequate public notice. For the purpose of statewide  
76 application, postsecondary course equivalencies and the minimum  
77 postsecondary credit or career education clock hours that must  
78 be awarded for courses taken and occupations held by individuals  
79 during their service in the military shall be delineated by the  
80 State Board of Education and the Board of Governors in the  
81 statewide articulation agreement required by s. 1007.23(1).

82 (f) State universities, Florida College System  
83 institutions, and career centers must award postsecondary credit  
84 or career education clock hours for courses taken and  
85 occupations held by individuals during their service in the  
86 military based on the list adopted by the Board of Governors and  
87 the State Board of Education pursuant to paragraph (e) if the  
88 credit or career education clock hours are applicable toward the  
89 student's degree or certificate. Institutions may award  
90 additional postsecondary credit or career education clock hours  
91 if appropriate. Credit or career education clock hours awarded  
92 in accordance with minimum postsecondary credit and clock hour  
93 requirements, respectively, are guaranteed to transfer to other  
94 state universities, Florida College System institutions, and  
95 career centers.

96 Section 2. Subsection (17) is added to section 1009.26,  
97 Florida Statutes, to read:

98 1009.26 Fee waivers.—



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99           (17) (a) Each state university, Florida College System  
100 institution, career center operated by a school district under  
101 s. 1001.44, and charter technical career center under s. 1002.34  
102 shall waive the transcript fee for a person who is an active  
103 duty member or an honorably discharged veteran of the United  
104 States Armed Forces and his or her spouse and dependents.

105           (b) Each state university, Florida College System  
106 institution, career center operated by a school district under  
107 s. 1001.44, and charter technical career center under s. 1002.34  
108 shall report to the Board of Governors and the State Board of  
109 Education, respectively, the number and value of fee waivers  
110 granted annually under this subsection.

111           (c) The Board of Governors and the State Board of Education  
112 shall adopt regulations and rules, respectively, to administer  
113 this subsection.

114           Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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116 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

117 And the title is amended as follows:

118           Delete everything before the enacting clause  
119 and insert:

120                           A bill to be entitled  
121           An act relating to postsecondary education for certain  
122           military personnel; amending s. 1004.096, F.S.;  
123           requiring the Board of Governors and the State Board  
124           of Education, in consultation with the Department of  
125           Veterans' Affairs, to create a process for the uniform  
126           award of postsecondary credit or career education  
127           clock hours to certain servicemembers and veterans of



128 the United States Armed Forces; requiring the  
129 Articulation Coordinating Committee to convene a  
130 workgroup by a specified date; providing for  
131 membership and duties of the workgroup; providing  
132 administrative support for the workgroup; requiring  
133 the workgroup to provide recommendations to the Board  
134 of Governors and the State Board of Education by a  
135 specified date; requiring the Board of Governors and  
136 the State Board of Education to approve the  
137 recommendations; requiring the Articulation  
138 Coordinating Committee to facilitate the review of  
139 courses taken and occupations held by individuals  
140 during their service in the military for postsecondary  
141 credit and career education clock hours; requiring the  
142 Articulation Coordinating Committee to approve and the  
143 Board of Governors and the State Board of Education to  
144 adopt a specified list within a specified timeframe;  
145 requiring delineation of credit and career education  
146 clock hours in the statewide articulation agreement;  
147 requiring certain postsecondary institutions to award  
148 uniform postsecondary credit or career education clock  
149 hours for specified courses taken and occupations held  
150 by individuals during their service in the military;  
151 authorizing the award of additional credits or career  
152 education clock hours; requiring certain credits and  
153 career education clock hours to transfer between  
154 specified postsecondary institutions; amending s.  
155 1009.26, F.S.; requiring specified postsecondary  
156 institutions to waive the transcript fee for active



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157 duty members of the United States Armed Forces,  
158 certain veterans, and their spouses and dependents;  
159 providing reporting requirements for such fee waivers;  
160 requiring the Board of Governors and the State Board  
161 of Education to adopt regulations and rules,  
162 respectively; providing an effective date.  
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