

By the Committees on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Education Postsecondary; and Senators Avila, Perry, and Collins

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to graduate program admissions;
3 creating s. 1004.032, F.S.; defining terms; requiring
4 an institution of higher education to waive certain
5 examination requirements for a servicemember or a
6 person who served in the United States Armed Forces,
7 the Florida National Guard, or the United States
8 Reserve Forces and was discharged or released under
9 any condition other than dishonorable and who applies
10 for admission to a graduate program that requires such
11 examination; providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Section 1004.032, Florida Statutes, is created
16 to read:

17 1004.032 Graduate program admission for servicemembers.—

18 (1) As used in this section, the term:

19 (a) "GMAT" means the Graduate Management Admission Test.

20 (b) "Graduate program" means an advanced academic degree
21 program in a specialized field of study, including, but not
22 limited to, a master's or doctoral degree program, which degree
23 is pursued after one has obtained a bachelor's degree.

24 (c) "GRE" means the Graduate Record Examination.

25 (d) "Institution of higher education" means a state
26 university as defined in s. 1000.21(8).

27 (e) "Servicemember" has the same meaning as in s. 250.01.

28 (2) (a) An institution of higher education shall waive the
29 GRE or GMAT requirement for a servicemember who applies for

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30 admission to a graduate program that requires such examination.

31 (b) An institution of higher education shall waive the GRE
32 or GMAT requirement for a person who served in the United States
33 Armed Forces, the Florida National Guard, or the United States
34 Reserve Forces and was discharged or released under any
35 condition other than dishonorable and who applies for admission
36 to a graduate program that requires such examination.

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.