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SYNOPSIS

Requires public institutions of higher education to grant academic credit to certain veterans.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee on September 17, 2018, with amendments.

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1 AN ACT concerning veterans at public institutions of higher
2 education and supplementing chapter 62 of Title 18A of the New
3 Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 ¹1. a. As used in this section, “veteran” means an individual
9 who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States,
10 a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard, and who was
11 honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances
12 from active service.

13 b. A public institution of higher education shall adopt a policy
14 to award academic credit to veterans. The policy shall grant a
15 veteran who is accepted to pursue a course of study at the institution
16 a minimum of six credits upon the veteran’s enrollment. **1**¹

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18 ¹1. a. Each public and independent institution of higher
19 education, after taking into account and giving due consideration to
20 the credit recommendation of the American Council on Education,
21 shall accept and apply towards an undergraduate degree program
22 appropriate credit for a student’s military experience, following an
23 evaluation and determination by the institution that the credits are
24 in alignment with appropriate courses and correspond to the degree
25 being pursued at the institution. The institution may award a
26 maximum of 30 credits for military experience towards an
27 undergraduate degree to a student enrolled in the institution.

28 Each public and independent institution of higher education,
29 after taking into account and giving due consideration to the credit
30 recommendation of the American Council on Education, shall
31 accept and apply towards a graduate degree program appropriate
32 credit for a student’s military experience, following an evaluation
33 and determination by the institution that the credits are in alignment
34 with appropriate courses and correspond to the degree being
35 pursued at the institution. The institution may award a maximum of
36 12 credits for military experience towards a graduate degree to a
37 student enrolled in the institution.

38 The credit recommendation of the American Council on
39 Education shall represent college-level equivalencies based on a
40 review of workforce training, military training or occupations, and
41 other sources of learning outside the college classroom.

42 b. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any
43 public or independent institution of higher education to admit a

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted September 17, 2018.

1 student or to waive its admission standards and application
2 procedures.

3 c. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a public
4 or independent institution from accepting and applying towards a
5 degree program more than 30 credits for a student's military
6 experience should the institution choose to take such action.¹

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8 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
9 the first full academic year following the date of enactment.