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SENATE BILL No. 89

DIGEST OF SB 89 (Updated January 12, 2013 3:57 pm - DI ck)

Citations Affected: IC 21-42; IC 21-42.5.

Synopsis: College transcripts. Requires a state educational institution to adopt a policy to award educational credit to a veteran or an individual serving in the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard who completes courses: (1) at a postsecondary educational institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency or association or by an organization recognized by the United States Department of Education; and (2) that meet the state educational institution's role, scope, and mission. Requires a state educational institution to adopt a policy to award educational credit to a veteran or an individual serving in the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard who completes certain college equivalency examinations that meet the state educational institution's role, scope, and mission. Provides that the state educational institution's policy must provide that educational credit awarded to an individual applies to the individual's degree requirements if the credit is comparable and applicable to credit necessary for the individual to meet the individual's degree requirements. Provides that, after August 31, 2014, each state educational institution shall include on a student's transcript the average grade that was awarded to all students enrolled in the same unit of instruction. Provides an exemption for units of instruction: (1) offered to students solely on a pass-fail basis or for independent study credit; or (2) in which grades are reported for 10 or fewer students.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

Banks

January 7, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

January 13, 2014, amended; reassigned to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 21-42-7-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.57-2012,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. **(a)** Each state educational institution shall
4 adopt a policy to award educational credit to an individual who:
5 (1) is enrolled in a state educational institution; and
6 (2) successfully:
7 **(A)** completes courses that:
8 ~~(A)~~ **(i)** are part of the individual's military service;
9 ~~(B)~~ **(ii)** meet the standards of the American Council on
10 Education, or the council's successor organization, for
11 awarding academic credit; and
12 ~~(C)~~ **(iii)** meet the state educational institution's role, scope,
13 and mission;
14 **(B)** completes:
15 **(i)** a **College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)**
16 **developed by the College Board;**

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1 (ii) a United States Department of Defense's Defense
2 Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support
3 Program examination; or

4 (iii) an Excelsior College Examination;

5 that meets the state educational institution's role, scope,
6 and mission during the individual's military service in an
7 active or reserve component of the armed forces of the
8 United States or the Indiana National Guard or upon the
9 individual's receiving an honorable discharge from the
10 armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National
11 Guard; or

12 (C) completes courses at a postsecondary educational
13 institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency or
14 association or by an organization recognized by the United
15 States Department of Education:

16 (i) during the individual's military service in an active or
17 reserve component of the armed forces of the United
18 States or the Indiana National Guard or upon the
19 individual's receiving an honorable discharge from the
20 armed forces of the United States or the Indiana
21 National Guard; and

22 (ii) that meet the state educational institution's role,
23 scope, and mission.

24 (b) The state educational institution's policy described in
25 subsection (a) must provide that educational credit awarded to an
26 individual under this section applies to the individual's
27 undergraduate degree requirements if the credit is comparable and
28 applicable, as reasonably determined by the state educational
29 institution, to credit offered by the state educational institution and
30 is necessary for the individual to meet the individual's
31 undergraduate degree requirements at the state educational
32 institution.

33 (c) The amount of educational credits that may be applied to an
34 individual's degree requirements under subsection (b) may not
35 exceed:

36 (1) seventy-five percent (75%) of an individual's degree
37 requirements, as determined by the state educational
38 institution, if the state educational institution in which the
39 individual is enrolled requires the individual to attend in
40 person any course during any part of the student's enrollment
41 at the state educational institution; or

42 (2) seventy percent (70%) of an individual's degree



1 requirements, as determined by the state educational
 2 institution, if one hundred percent (100%) of the degree
 3 requirements for the degree program is available online by
 4 the state educational institution.

5 SECTION 2. IC 21-42.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
 6 A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
 7 2014]:

8 **ARTICLE 42.5. STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:**
 9 **TRANSCRIPTS**

10 **Chapter 1. Transparency in Student Transcripts**

11 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to state educational institutions.**

12 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "unit of instruction" refers to the**
 13 **specific unit of a course offered by a state educational institution**
 14 **in which a particular student is enrolled and receives a grade.**

15 **Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), after August 31,**
 16 **2014, each state educational institution shall include on a student's**
 17 **transcript, for each unit of instruction in which the student was**
 18 **enrolled, the average grade that was awarded to all students in the**
 19 **same unit of instruction. The average grade included on the**
 20 **student's transcript must be calculated using the grades initially**
 21 **reported to the state educational institution by the instructor. For**
 22 **a unit of instruction for which letter grades are awarded without**
 23 **a corresponding numerical score, the state educational institution**
 24 **shall include on the transcript the median grade that was awarded**
 25 **to all students in the same unit of instruction.**

26 **(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a unit of instruction:**

27 **(1) offered to students solely on a pass-fail basis or for**
 28 **independent study credit; or**

29 **(2) in which grades are reported for ten (10) or fewer**
 30 **students.**

31 **Sec. 4. The commission for higher education shall adopt rules to**
 32 **administer this chapter.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 89, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development.

(Reference is to SB 89 as introduced.)

LONG, Chairperson

