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SENATE BILL No. 384

DIGEST OF SB 384 (Updated January 24, 2023 10:11 am - DI 140)

Citations Affected: IC 21-18.

Synopsis: Purple star designation. Requires the commission for higher education (CHE) and the Indiana department of veterans' affairs to develop and implement the higher education purple star designation for the following purposes: (1) To recognize postsecondary educational institutions that are supportive and inclusive of veterans and military connected families. (2) To provide veterans and military connected families with enhanced support for pursuing and finishing a degree or postsecondary credential. Provides that the application for a designation must be made available to interested postsecondary educational institutions on the website of the CHE before May 1, 2024.

Effective: Upon passage.

Sandlin, Garten

January 19, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and The Military.
January 24, 2023, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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 21-18-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]:
4 **Chapter 18. Higher Education Purple Star Designation**
5 **Sec. 1. "Department" refers to the Indiana department of**
6 **veterans' affairs established by IC 10-17-1-2.**
7 **Sec. 2. "Designation" refers to the higher education purple star**
8 **designation developed under section 3 of this chapter.**
9 **Sec. 3. (a) The commission, in coordination with the department**
10 **and in consultation with the state educational institutions, shall**
11 **develop and implement the higher education purple star**
12 **designation for the following purposes:**
13 **(1) To recognize postsecondary educational institutions that**
14 **are supportive and inclusive of veterans and military**
15 **connected families.**
16 **(2) To provide veterans and military connected families with**
17 **enhanced support for pursuing and finishing a degree or**

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1 postsecondary credential.

2 **(b) The commission and the department shall jointly:**

3 **(1) determine the criteria for awarding the designation to a**

4 **state educational institution, an approved postsecondary**

5 **educational institution, or other postsecondary educational**

6 **institution;**

7 **(2) determine the length of time that a designation awarded**

8 **under this chapter is valid; and**

9 **(3) prescribe the form and manner in which a postsecondary**

10 **educational institution may apply to be awarded the**

11 **designation.**

12 **Sec. 4. Before May 1, 2024, the commission and the department**

13 **shall do the following:**

14 **(1) Develop the designation required by section 3 of this**

15 **chapter.**

16 **(2) Establish and publicize the criteria for awarding the**

17 **designation.**

18 **(3) Prescribe the form and manner of applying for a**

19 **designation.**

20 **(4) Make the process for applying for a designation available**

21 **to interested postsecondary institutions on the commission's**

22 **website.**

23 **Sec. 5. The commission and the department shall jointly award**

24 **a designation to a state educational institution, an approved**

25 **postsecondary educational institution, or other postsecondary**

26 **educational institution if the commission and the department find**

27 **that the applicant institution satisfies the criteria for designation**

28 **determined under section 3 of this chapter.**

29 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and The Military, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 384, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 384 as introduced.)

TOMES, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0

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