

CHAPTER 2012-162

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 45

An act relating to postsecondary education course registration for veterans; creating s. 1004.075, F.S.; requiring certain Florida College System institutions and state universities to provide priority course registration for veterans; providing eligibility requirements; creating s. 1005.09, F.S.; encouraging certain independent postsecondary educational institutions to provide priority course registration for veterans; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1004.075, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1004.075 Priority course registration for veterans.—Each Florida College System institution and state university that offers priority course registration for a segment of the student population, or upon implementation of priority course registration for a segment of the student population, shall provide priority course registration for each veteran of the United States Armed Forces who is receiving GI Bill educational benefits or for the spouse or dependent children of the veteran to whom the GI Bill educational benefits have been transferred. Each eligible veteran, or his or her spouse or dependent children, shall be granted priority for course registration until the expiration of the GI Bill educational benefits.

Section 2. Section 1005.09, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1005.09 Priority course registration for veterans.—Each independent postsecondary educational institution defined in s. 1005.02(11) that offers priority course registration for a segment of the student population, or upon implementation of priority course registration for a segment of the student population, is encouraged to provide priority course registration for each veteran of the United States Armed Forces, or his or her spouse or dependent children, who is receiving GI Bill educational benefits, in accordance with s. 1004.075.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor April 27, 2012.

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