

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 232 (HB 485)

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New law requires the Bd. of Regents to establish a process for a public postsecondary education institution to be designated by the governor as a "Governor's Military and Veteran Friendly Campus". Provides requirements for eligibility including an articulation and transfer processes, fee waivers, orientation programs, deployment and readmission policies, priority class scheduling, tutoring, and workshops offered by the institutions for veterans. Provides for application procedures for institutions interested in receiving the initial designation and requirements for the submission of renewal applications. New law requires the Bd. of Regents to review the applications and submit to the governor a report that indicates if an institution meets the eligibility requirements for initial designation. Provides that a designation applies for one year. For renewal applications, requires the Bd. of Regents to verify that an institution continues to meet the eligibility requirements.

Defines "veteran" for purposes of new law as a former or current member of the U.S. Armed Forces or organized militia of the several states and territories, including but not limited to a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard, Air National Guard, Reserves, State Guard, or a commissioned officer of the Public Health Service, Environmental Science Services Administration, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or its predecessor, the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

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(Adds R.S. 17:3138.5)