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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides a tuition exemption for certain former members of the armed forces.

Proposed law provides a tuition exemption at a state public postsecondary education institution for a former member of the armed forces who is a La. resident and meets additional criteria as specified in proposed law. Limits the tuition exemption for use to pursue an undergraduate or graduate degree and prohibits it for being used to pursue a professional degree. Prohibits the tuition exemption from being transferred to another person. Requires the state Dept. of Veterans Affairs to monitor the eligibility status of students who are granted the tuition exemption. Provides for the tuition exemption to apply as follows:

- (1) For active duty service of 12-24 months, the tuition exemption shall be granted for 90 credit hours.
- (2) For active duty service of 24-36 months, the tuition exemption shall be granted for 120 credit hours.
- (3) For active duty service of 36 months or more, the tuition exemption shall be granted for 150 credit hours.

(Adds R.S. 17:1688)