HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 54 2025 Regular Session

Horton

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES: Provides for the designation of a postsecondary education institution as a "Purple Star Campus"

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Makes technical change.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

<u>Present law</u> provides for a program for designation of a postsecondary education institution as a "Governor's Military and Veteran Friendly Campus".

Proposed law changes name of designation to "Purple Star Campus".

<u>Present law</u> provides for program administration by the Bd. of Regents and that the designation applies for two years. <u>Proposed law</u> increases the designation's duration from two years to three years.

<u>Present law</u> requires certain eligibility criteria for institutions to qualify for the designation. <u>Proposed law</u> adds the following requirements:

- (1) Have a faculty or staff member serve as a military liaison.
- (2) Maintain a section on its website with resources for military students and their families.
- (3) Have a student-led transition program to acclimate military students to campus and the wider community.
- (4) Offer professional development opportunities for training faculty and staff on issues military students may face.

(Amends R.S. 17:3138.5(B)(1) and (D)(3) and (4)(d); Adds R.S. 17:3138.5(B)(2)(f)-(i))