

Representative Paul Ray proposes the following substitute bill:

COLLEGE CREDITS FOR VETERANS

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray

Senate Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires a college or university within the state system of higher education to award credit for certain military service training and experience.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
 - ▶ requires an institution of higher education to award credit for military service and training as recommended by a postsecondary accreditation agency or association designated by the State Board of Regents;
 - ▶ provides for the transfer of credit awarded among institutions of higher education;
- and
- ▶ requires the State Board of Regents and the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees to report annually to the Education Interim Committee and the Utah Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None



26 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

27 ENACTS:

28 **53B-16-107**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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30 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

31 Section 1. Section **53B-16-107** is enacted to read:

32 **53B-16-107. Credit for military service and training -- Transferability --**

33 **Reporting.**

34 (1) As used in this section, "credit" includes proof of equivalent noncredit course
35 completion awarded by the Utah College of Applied Technology.

36 (2) An institution of higher education listed in Section 53B-2-101 shall award credit for
37 military service and training as recommended by a postsecondary accreditation agency or
38 association designated by the State Board of Regents if:

39 (a) requested by the student; and

40 (b) the student has met with an advisor at an institution of higher education listed in
41 Section 53B-1-101 at which the student intends to enroll to discuss applicability of credit to
42 program requirements, possible financial aid implications, and other factors that may impact
43 attainment of the student's educational goals.

44 (3) Upon transfer within the state system of higher education, a student may present a
45 transcript to the receiving institution for evaluation and to determine the applicability of credit
46 to the student's program of study, and the receiving institution shall evaluate the credit to be
47 transferred pursuant to Subsection (2).

48 (4) The State Board of Regents and the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of
49 Trustees shall annually report the number of credits awarded under this section by each
50 institution of higher education to the Education Interim Committee and the Utah Department of
51 Veterans' Affairs.