

HIGHER EDUCATION CLASSES FOR VETERANS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Todd D. Weiler

House Sponsor: Paul Ray

LONG TITLE

Committee Note:

The Veterans and Military Affairs Commission recommended this bill.

Membership: 5 legislators 16 non-legislators

Total Vote: 19 voting for 0 voting against 2 absent

Legislative Vote: 5 voting for 0 voting against 0 absent

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to higher education.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ allows veterans to audit classes at institutions of higher education if the veterans:
 - are Utah residents; and
 - meet certain qualifications.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53B-9-101, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1987, Chapter 167



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

29 Section 1. Section **53B-9-101** is amended to read:

30 **53B-9-101. Legislative findings on higher education for senior citizens and**
31 **veterans -- Legislative intent -- Quarterly registration fee.**

32 (1) The Legislature finds that substantial benefits would accrue to the state, as well as
33 those directly involved, through making higher education more accessible to senior citizens and
34 veterans who generally find themselves with more time for learning but with less funds for
35 such purposes.

36 (2) It is intended that an institution of higher education allow Utah residents who have
37 reached 62 years of age or are veterans as defined in Section [68-3-12.5](#) to enroll at the
38 institution, in classes for which they may be qualified, on the basis of surplus space in regularly
39 scheduled classes and in accordance with this chapter and implementing rules. These persons
40 are exempt from tuition and other charges, except for a quarterly registration fee established by
41 the board.