

House Bill 1382

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to
2 encourage the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and authorize the State
3 Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to maintain policies for institutions and
4 units of each system to grant academic credit to active duty military or veteran students based
5 on military service; to encourage and authorize the use of joint service transcripts and related
6 credit recommendations; to encourage and authorize the development of a guide in
7 collaboration with the Department of Veterans Service for certain students; to provide for
8 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia, relating to education, is amended in Part 2 of Article
12 2 of Chapter 3, relating to university system, by revising Code Section 20-3-69, which is
13 reserved, as follows:

14 "20-3-69.

15 (a) The board is encouraged to maintain a policy by which institutions of the university
16 system shall grant academic credit to active duty military or veteran students for college

17 level learning acquired prior to enrollment from military service; provided, however, that
18 the training and experience obtained through such military service shall be substantially
19 related to the coursework for which any such academic credit is granted.

20 (b) For the purpose of developing such policy and awarding academic credit pursuant to
21 this Code section, the board shall be authorized to utilize joint service transcripts issued by
22 the United States Department of Defense and credit recommendations made by an
23 organization which evaluates military courses and occupations to make such
24 recommendations.

25 (c) The board, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Service, shall be
26 authorized to develop and make available to the public a guide for active duty military and
27 veteran students and prospective students that includes courses for which students may be
28 awarded academic credit based on military service. Reserved."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 Said title is further amended in Article 2 of Chapter 4, relating to technical and adult
31 education, by revising Code section 20-4-38, relating to academic credit for military training
32 and experience, as follows:

33 "20-4-38.

34 (a) The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia shall maintain a policy
35 by which institutions of the Technical College System of Georgia shall grant academic
36 credit to active duty military or veteran students for college level learning acquired prior
37 to enrollment from military service; provided, however, that the training and experience
38 obtained through such military service shall be substantially related to the coursework for
39 which any such academic credit is granted.

40 (b) For the purpose of developing such policy and awarding academic credit pursuant to
41 this Code section, the state board shall be authorized to utilize joint service transcripts
42 issued by the United States Department of Defense and credit recommendations made by

43 an organization which evaluates military courses and occupations to make such
44 recommendations.

45 (c) The state board, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Service, shall be
46 authorized to develop and make available to the public a guide for active duty military and
47 veteran students and prospective students that includes courses for which students may be
48 awarded academic credit based on military service."

49 **SECTION 3.**

50 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.