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SENATE BILL 5969

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By Senators O'Ban, McCoy, Schoesler, Hobbs, Hatfield, Brown, Conway, Rolfes, Braun, McAuliffe, and Benton

Read first time 01/13/14. Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

1 AN ACT Relating to awarding academic credit for military training;  
2 and adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Before December 31, 2015, each institution of higher education  
7 must adopt a policy to award academic credit for military training.  
8 The policy shall apply to any individual who is enrolled in the  
9 institution of higher education and who has successfully completed a  
10 military training course or program as part of his or her military  
11 service that is:

12 (a) Recommended for credit by a national higher education  
13 association that provides credit recommendations for military training  
14 courses and programs;

15 (b) Included in the individual's military transcript issued by any  
16 branch of the armed services; or

17 (c) Documented military training or experience that is  
18 substantially equivalent to any course or program offered by the  
19 institution of higher education.

1           (2) Each institution of higher education must develop a procedure  
2 for receiving the necessary documentation to identify and verify the  
3 military training course or program that an individual is claiming for  
4 academic credit.

5           (3) Each institution of higher education must provide a copy of its  
6 policy for awarding academic credit for military training to any  
7 enrolled student who listed prior or present military service in his or  
8 her application. Each institution of higher education must develop and  
9 maintain a list of military training courses and programs that have  
10 qualified for academic credit.

11          (4) Each institution of higher education must submit its policy for  
12 awarding academic credit for military training to the prior learning  
13 assessment work group convened pursuant to RCW 28B.77.230. The work  
14 group must evaluate each policy and make recommendations to each  
15 institution.

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