

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 486

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Introduced by Lowe, 37; Pansing Brooks, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to adopt the Veteran and Active Duty Supportive Postsecondary Institution Act.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Sections 1 to 5 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Veteran and Active Duty Supportive Postsecondary Institution Act.

Sec. 2. For purposes of the Veteran and Active Duty Supportive Postsecondary Institution Act:

(1) Department means the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

(2) Director means the Director of Veterans' Affairs;

(3) Military student means a student who serves on active duty in the armed forces of the United States other than active duty for training;

(4) Postsecondary institution has the same meaning as in section 85-2403; and

(5) Veteran student means a student who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States other than active duty for training.

Sec. 3. (1) The department shall establish a process for a postsecondary institution to apply to the director to be designated as Veteran and Active Duty Supportive.

(2) To be eligible to be designated as Veteran and Active Duty Supportive, a postsecondary institution shall meet at least five of the following criteria, with respect to its operations in this state:

(a) The institution shall have personnel specifically trained and assigned to work with military students and veteran students;

(b) The institution shall have a student organization that is dedicated to helping veterans, active duty military, and their families;

(c) The institution shall give college credit for certain types of military training;

(d) The institution shall have a military leave-of-absence policy;

(e) The institution shall have counseling and advising services for military students and veteran students;

(f) The institution shall have an accredited Reserve Officer Training Corps program;

(g) The institution shall have clearly identifiable on its web site a listing of services provided to military students and veteran students; and

(h) The institution shall specially recognize military students and veteran students during graduation or in other ways which are intended to demonstrate the institution's respect for such students' service.

(3) The department shall maintain on its web site a list of postsecondary institutions designated as Veteran and Active Duty Supportive pursuant to this section.

Sec. 4. A designation as Veteran and Active Duty Supportive under section 3 of this act shall be valid for a term of three years. A postsecondary institution may apply to the director to renew its designation through a process established by the department.

Sec. 5. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the Veteran and Active Duty Supportive Postsecondary Institution Act.