Senator Lee moved the following:

**Senate Amendment to Senate Amendment (285804) to House Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 1146 and 1147 insert:

Section 21. Section 1004.096, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.096 College credit for military experience and training and education courses.—

(1) In consultation with the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, the Board of Governors shall adopt regulations and the
State Board of Education shall adopt rules that create a uniform system that enables eligible servicemembers or veterans of the United States Armed Forces to earn postsecondary academic college credit at public postsecondary educational institutions for experience and college-level training and education acquired in the military. The regulations and rules shall include procedures for credential evaluation and the award of postsecondary academic college credit, including, but not limited to, equivalency and alignment of military coursework with appropriate postsecondary college courses, and course descriptions, type and amount of college credit that may be awarded, and transfer of credit.

(2) The Articulation Coordinating Committee shall convene a workgroup by August 31, 2019, to develop a uniform process for determining when military experience and credentials are appropriate for postsecondary credit and to meet the requirements of this section.

(a) The workgroup shall be composed of the following 13 members:

1. The chair of the Articulation Coordinating Committee, who shall serve as chair.

2. Four members representing academic affairs administrators and faculty from state universities, appointed by the chair of the Board of Governors.

3. Four members representing academic affairs administrators and faculty from Florida College System institutions, appointed by the chair of the State Board of Education.

4. Two members representing faculty from career centers,
appointed by the chair of the State Board of Education.

5. Two members representing veterans, appointed by the executive director of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

(b) The Office of K-20 Articulation shall provide administrative support for the workgroup.

(c) The workgroup shall provide recommendations regarding a uniform process for determining postsecondary course equivalencies and the minimum credit that must be awarded for military experience and credentials to the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education by December 1, 2019, for approval at the next publicly noticed meeting of each board.

(d) The Articulation Coordinating Committee shall facilitate the review of military experience and credentials for postsecondary course equivalencies and the amount of credit that must be awarded beginning no later than January 1, 2020, in accordance with the approved process.

(e) The Articulation Coordinating Committee shall approve a list of postsecondary course equivalencies and the minimum credit that must be awarded for military experience and credentials no later than November 30, 2020, and annually thereafter. The Board of Governors and the State Board of Education shall adopt the list approved by the Articulation Coordinating Committee at the next publicly noticed meeting of each board.

(f) State universities, Florida College System institutions, and career centers must award postsecondary credit for military experience and credentials based on the list adopted by the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education, if the credit is applicable toward the student’s
degree or certificate. Institutions may award additional postsecondary credit if appropriate. Credit awarded in accordance with minimum credit requirements is guaranteed to transfer to other state universities, Florida College System institutions, and career centers as if the credit were earned at the receiving institution.

Section 22. Subsection (16) is added to section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, to read:

1009.26 Fee waivers.—

(16)(a) A state university, Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, or charter technical career center shall waive the transcript fee for a person who is an active duty member or an honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States and his or her spouse and dependents.

(b) Each state university, Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, and charter technical career center shall report to the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education, respectively, the number and value of fee waivers granted annually under this subsection.

(c) The Board of Governors and the State Board of Education shall respectively adopt regulations and rules to administer this subsection.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 1363
and insert:
requirements; amending s. 1004.096, F.S.; requiring the Board of Governors and State Board of Education, in consultation with the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, to create a uniform system for the award of postsecondary credit to certain servicemembers and veterans of the United States Armed Forces; requiring the Articulation Coordinating Committee to convene a workgroup by a specified date; providing membership and duties of the workgroup; providing administrative support for the workgroup; requiring the workgroup to provide recommendations to the Board of Governors and State Board of Education by a specified date; requiring the Articulation Coordinating Committee to review and identify military experience and credentials for postsecondary credit by a specified date; requiring the Articulation Coordinating Committee to approve and the Board of Governors and State Board of Education to adopt a specified list; requiring certain postsecondary institutions to award credit for specified military experience and credentials; authorizing the award of additional credits; requiring that certain credits be transferrable between specified postsecondary institutions; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; requiring specified postsecondary institutions to waive the transcript fee for active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States, certain veterans, and their spouses and dependents; providing reporting requirements for such institutions; requiring the
Board of Governors and the State Board of Education, respectively, to adopt regulations and rules; providing an effective date.