CS for SB 494

 $\boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{y}$  the Committee on Education Postsecondary; and Senators Avila and Perry

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to graduate program admissions;
3	creating s. 1004.032, F.S.; defining terms; requiring
4	an institution of higher education to waive certain
5	examination requirements for a servicemember who
6	applies for admission to a graduate program that
7	requires such examination; providing an effective
8	date.
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10	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12	Section 1. Section 1004.032, Florida Statutes, is created
13	to read:
14	1004.032 Graduate program admission for servicemembers
15	(1) As used in this section, the term:
16	(a) "GMAT" means the Graduate Management Admission Test.
17	(b) "Graduate program" means an advanced academic degree
18	program in a specialized field of study, including, but not
19	limited to, a master's or doctoral degree program, which degree
20	is pursued after one has obtained a bachelor's degree.
21	(c) "GRE" means the Graduate Record Examination.
22	(d) "Institution of higher education" means a state
23	university as defined in s. 1000.21(8).
24	(e) "Servicemember" has the same meaning as in s. 250.01.
25	(2) An institution of higher education shall waive the GRE
26	or GMAT requirement for a servicemember who applies for
27	admission to a graduate program that requires such examination.
28	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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