

Committee on Military Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

CS/HB 45 — Postsecondary Education Course Registration for Veterans

by K-20 Innovation Subcommittee; and Rep. Smith and others (SB 94 by Senators Fasano, Evers, and Sachs)

The bill requires public postsecondary institutions that offer priority course registration to a segment of the student population to provide priority course registration to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who are receiving GI Bill educational benefits. The bill also allows for a veteran's spouse or dependent children to whom the GI Bill educational benefits have been transferred to be granted priority course registration. Additionally, the bill encourages independent postsecondary institutions to provide the same benefit of priority course registration to veterans and their dependents as public postsecondary institutions are required to provide under the bill.

The bill will enable veterans who are utilizing GI Bill educational benefits to have greater access to available courses, thereby decreasing the number of excess hours taken by veterans and reducing the time to graduation.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2012.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 116-0