

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Ponder offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 1004.096, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.096 College credit for military 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 process that enables ~~enable~~ eligible servicemembers or veterans of the United States Armed Forces to earn uniform postsecondary

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14 ~~academic college~~ credit across all Florida ~~at~~ public  
15 postsecondary educational institutions for college-level  
16 training and education acquired in the military. The regulations  
17 and rules shall include procedures for credential evaluation and  
18 the uniform award of postsecondary ~~academic college~~ credit or  
19 career education clock hours, including, but not limited to,  
20 equivalency and alignment of military coursework with  
21 appropriate postsecondary college courses and, course  
22 descriptions, ~~type and amount of college credit that may be~~  
23 ~~awarded, and transfer of credit.~~

24 (2) The Articulation Coordinating Committee shall convene  
25 a workgroup by July 15, 2020, which is responsible for  
26 developing a process for determining postsecondary course  
27 equivalencies and the minimum postsecondary credit or career  
28 education clock hours that must be awarded for courses taken and  
29 occupations held by individuals during their service in the  
30 military.

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

33 1. The chair of the Articulation Coordinating Committee,  
34 or his or her designee, who shall serve as chair.

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

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

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

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

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

48 (c) The workgroup shall establish a process for  
49 prioritizing and determining postsecondary course equivalencies  
50 and the minimum postsecondary credit or career education clock  
51 hours that must be awarded for courses taken and occupations  
52 held by individuals during their service in the military. The  
53 workgroup shall provide recommendations to the Board of  
54 Governors and the State Board of Education by December 1, 2020,  
55 for approval at the next meeting of each board to allow for  
56 adequate public notice.

57 (d) Upon approval of the workgroup's recommendations by  
58 the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education, the  
59 Articulation Coordinating Committee shall facilitate the review  
60 of courses taken and occupations held by individuals during  
61 their service in the military for postsecondary course  
62 equivalencies and the minimum postsecondary credit or career

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63 education clock hours that must be awarded in accordance with  
64 the approved process.

65 (e) Within 1 year after approval of the workgroup's  
66 recommendations by the Board of Governors and the State Board of  
67 Education pursuant to paragraph (c), the Articulation  
68 Coordinating Committee shall approve a prioritized list of  
69 postsecondary course equivalencies and the minimum postsecondary  
70 credit or career education clock hours that must be awarded for  
71 courses taken and occupations held by individuals during their  
72 service in the military. The list must be updated annually. The  
73 Board of Governors and the State Board of Education shall timely  
74 adopt the list approved by the Articulation Coordinating  
75 Committee at the next meeting of each board to allow for  
76 adequate public notice. For the purpose of statewide  
77 application, postsecondary course equivalencies and the minimum  
78 postsecondary credit or career education clock hours that must  
79 be awarded for courses taken and occupations held by individuals  
80 during their service in the military shall be delineated by the  
81 State Board of Education and the Board of Governors in the  
82 statewide articulation agreement required by s. 1007.23(1).

83 (f) State universities, Florida College System  
84 institutions, and career centers must award postsecondary credit  
85 or career education clock hours for courses taken and  
86 occupations held by individuals during their service in the  
87 military based on the list adopted by the Board of Governors and

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88 the State Board of Education pursuant to paragraph (e) if the  
89 credit or career education clock hours are applicable toward the  
90 student's degree or certificate. Institutions may award  
91 additional postsecondary credit or career education clock hours  
92 if appropriate. Credit or career education clock hours awarded  
93 in accordance with minimum postsecondary credit and clock hour  
94 requirements, respectively, are guaranteed to transfer to other  
95 state universities, Florida College System institutions, and  
96 career centers.

97 Section 2. Subsection (17) is added to section 1009.26,  
98 Florida Statutes, to read:

99 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

100 (17) (a) Each state university, Florida College System  
101 institution, career center operated by a school district under  
102 s. 1001.44, and charter technical career center under s. 1002.34  
103 shall waive the transcript fee for a person who is an active  
104 duty member or an honorably discharged veteran of the United  
105 States Armed Forces and his or her spouse and dependents.

106 (b) Each state university, Florida College System  
107 institution, career center operated by a school district under  
108 s. 1001.44, and charter technical career center under s. 1002.34  
109 shall report to the Board of Governors and the State Board of  
110 Education, respectively, the number and value of fee waivers  
111 granted annually under this subsection.

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

115 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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117 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

118 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

119 A bill to be entitled

120 An act relating to postsecondary education for certain  
121 military personnel; amending s. 1004.096, F.S.;  
122 requiring the Board of Governors and the State Board  
123 of Education, in consultation with the Department of  
124 Veterans' Affairs, to create a process for the uniform  
125 award of postsecondary credit or career education  
126 clock hours to certain servicemembers and veterans of  
127 the United States Armed Forces; requiring the  
128 Articulation Coordinating Committee to convene a  
129 workgroup by a specified date; providing for  
130 membership and duties of the workgroup; providing  
131 administrative support for the workgroup; requiring  
132 the workgroup to provide recommendations to the Board  
133 of Governors and the State Board of Education by a  
134 specified date; requiring the Board of Governors and  
135 the State Board of Education to approve the  
136 recommendations; requiring the Articulation

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137 Coordinating Committee to facilitate the review of  
138 courses taken and occupations held by individuals  
139 during their service in the military for postsecondary  
140 credit and career education clock hours; requiring the  
141 Articulation Coordinating Committee to approve and the  
142 Board of Governors and the State Board of Education to  
143 adopt a specified list within a specified timeframe;  
144 requiring delineation of credit and career education  
145 clock hours in the statewide articulation agreement;  
146 requiring certain postsecondary institutions to award  
147 uniform postsecondary credit or career education clock  
148 hours for specified courses taken and occupations held  
149 by individuals during their service in the military;  
150 authorizing the award of additional credits or career  
151 education clock hours; requiring certain credits and  
152 career education clock hours to transfer between  
153 specified postsecondary institutions; amending s.  
154 1009.26, F.S.; requiring specified postsecondary  
155 institutions to waive the transcript fee for active  
156 duty members of the United States Armed Forces,  
157 certain veterans, and their spouses and dependents;  
158 providing reporting requirements for such fee waivers;  
159 requiring the Board of Governors and the State Board  
160 of Education to adopt regulations and rules,  
161 respectively; providing an effective date.

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