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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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| WITHDRAWN | _____ | (Y/N) |
| OTHER | | |

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Higher Education & Career
2 Readiness Subcommittee
3 Representative Ponder offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:
7 Section 1. Section 1004.096, Florida Statutes, is amended
8 to read:

9 1004.096 College credit for military training and
10 education courses.-

11 (1) In consultation with the Department of Veterans'
12 Affairs, the Board of Governors shall adopt regulations and the
13 State Board of Education shall adopt rules that create a process
14 that enables ~~enable~~ eligible servicemembers or veterans of the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

57 (d) Upon approval of the workgroup's recommendations by
58 the Board of Governors and 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 credit that must be awarded in
63 accordance with the approved process.

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

81 (f) State universities and Florida College System
82 institutions must award postsecondary credit for courses taken
83 and occupations held by individuals during their service in the
84 military based on the list adopted by the Board of Governors and
85 the State Board of Education pursuant to paragraph (e) if the
86 credit is applicable toward the student's degree or certificate.
87 Institutions may award additional postsecondary credit if
88 appropriate. Credit awarded in accordance with minimum credit

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89 requirements is guaranteed to transfer to other state
90 universities and Florida College System institutions as if the
91 credit were earned at the receiving institution.

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

94 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

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

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

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

110 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law.

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

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114 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
115 A bill to be entitled
116 An act relating to postsecondary education for certain
117 military personnel; amending s. 1004.096, F.S.;
118 requiring the Board of Governors and State Board of
119 Education, in consultation with the Department of
120 Veterans' Affairs, to create a process for the award
121 of uniform postsecondary credit or career education
122 clock hours to certain servicemembers and veterans of
123 the United States Armed Forces; requiring the
124 Articulation Coordinating Committee to convene a
125 workgroup by a specified date; providing membership
126 and duties of the workgroup; providing administrative
127 support for the workgroup; requiring the workgroup to
128 provide recommendations to the Board of Governors and
129 State Board of Education by a specified date;
130 requiring the Board of Governors and State Board of
131 Education to approve such recommendations; requiring
132 the Articulation Coordinating Committee to review
133 courses taken and occupations held by individuals
134 during their service in the military for postsecondary
135 credit; requiring the Articulation Coordinating
136 Committee to approve and the Board of Governors and
137 State Board of Education to adopt a specified list
138 within a specified timeframe; requiring certain

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139 postsecondary institutions to award uniform credit for
140 specified courses taken and occupations held by
141 individuals during their service in the military;
142 authorizing the award of additional credits; requiring
143 delineation of credit in the statewide articulation
144 agreement; requiring certain credits to transfer
145 between specified postsecondary institutions; amending
146 s. 1009.26, F.S.; requiring specified postsecondary
147 institutions to waive the transcript fee for active
148 duty members of the United States Armed Forces,
149 certain veterans, and their spouses and dependents;
150 providing reporting requirements; providing for rules
151 and regulations; providing an effective date.