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| 1 | A bill to be entitled |
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| 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 or a |
| 6 | person who served in the United States Armed Forces, |
| 7 | the Florida National Guard, or the United States |
| 8 | Reserve Forces and was discharged or released under |
| 9 | any condition other than dishonorable and who applies |
| 10 | for admission to a graduate program that requires such |
| 11 | examination; providing an effective date. |
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| 13 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: |
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| 15 | Section 1. Section 1004.032, Florida Statutes, is created |
| 16 | to read: |
| 17 | 1004.032 Graduate program admission for servicemembers |
| 18 | (1) As used in this section, the term: |
| 19 | (a) "GMAT" means the Graduate Management Admission Test. |
| 20 | (b) "Graduate program" means an advanced academic degree |
| 21 | program in a specialized field of study, including, but not |
| 22 | limited to, a master's or doctoral degree program, which degree |
| 23 | is pursued after one has obtained a bachelor's degree. |
| 24 | (c) "GRE" means the Graduate Record Examination. |
| 25 | (d) "Institution of higher education" means a state |
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| 26 | university as defined in s. 1000.21(8). |
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| 27 | (e) "Servicemember" has the same meaning as in s. 250.01. |
| 28 | (2)(a) An institution of higher education shall waive the |
| 29 | GRE or GMAT requirement for a servicemember who applies for |
| 30 | admission to a graduate program that requires such examination. |
| 31 | (b) An institution of higher education shall waive the GRE |
| 32 | or GMAT requirement for a person who served in the United States |
| 33 | Armed Forces, the Florida National Guard, or the United States |
| 34 | Reserve Forces and was discharged or released under any |
| 35 | condition other than dishonorable and who applies for admission |
| 36 | to a graduate program that requires such examination. |
| 37 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024. |
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