

SB27

Senator Foil

All 28
institutions
earned
military-
friendly
campus
designations
for 2020-2021



Military Friendly Campus Enhancements

THE GOAL

This bill allows the addition of nationally-accepted metrics such as graduation rates to the current eligibility measures for determining Governor's Military Friendly Campuses designations. It will also allow active duty students to benefit from the same course articulation arrangements as veteran students; provide for automatic notice of services available to military students; and require institutions to make processes for the acceptance and transfer of military education, training, experience or prior academic credit.

THE CHALLENGE

- While articulation measures for course credits are in place for veteran students, current statute does not specifically name active duty students as eligible.
 - While all public institutions in Louisiana now house student military services, this was not the case when the Governor's Military Friendly Campuses program was created by the Legislature in 2015. The program originally encouraged establishment of student veteran services and centers with basic enrollment figures as qualifications. Now that institutions maintain such centers and services, the program's eligibility requirements should be updated to reflect the effectiveness and quality of services offered to student soldiers and their families not just their mere existence.
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THE OPPORTUNITY

- This bill welcomes private institutions to participate in the statewide designation program.
- Passage of the bill will bring Louisiana into alignment with national standards for determining Military Friendly Campuses and provide consistency of articulation application for both veteran students and military active duty students.



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