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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013**

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE

Introduced By: Senators Lynch, and Felag

Date Introduced: March 06, 2013

Referred To: Senate Education

(Governor)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Title 16 of the General Laws entitled "EDUCATION" is hereby amended  
2     by adding thereto the following chapter:

3                                     CHAPTER 100

4                                     ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE

5           **16-100-1. Academic credit for military service.** – All higher education institutions in  
6     the state shall honor the military training, experience, correspondence courses and occupations of  
7     an individual who has served in the military or armed forces of the United States by accepting for  
8     transfer the academic credits that meet the standards of the American Council on Education or  
9     equivalent standards for awarding academic credit, if the award of the educational credit is based  
10    upon the institution's admission standards and its role, scope, and mission. Each governing entity  
11    of a higher education institution shall adopt a policy or promulgate regulations requiring each  
12    institution under the governing entity's supervision and management to award educational credits  
13    to a student enrolled in the institution, who is also a veteran, for courses that are part of the  
14    student's military training or service.

15           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require that all higher education institutions in the state adopt a policy and  
2 promulgate regulations to award educational credits to veterans enrolled in their institution for  
3 courses that were part of the student's military training.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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