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Grant, Peter

From: Meinholz, Susan
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 11:49 AM
To: Grant, Peter
Subject: following up on phone message
Attachments: California bill vet priority.docx; tennessee law.pdf

Peter:

I'm following up on a voice mail I left for you just now. Below is the background of the legislative idea Rep. Hesselbein would like to have drafted.

If you want me to be in touch with a different attorney, just let me know.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----

From: David Jerome Tucek Jr [<mailto:djtucek@uwm.edu>]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 5:54 PM
To: Rep.Hesselbein
Cc: Meinholz, Susan
Subject: Veteran Priority Registration in Wisconsin

Dear Representative Hesselbein,

I am the Vice President of the Student Veterans of America at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. I am writing you with the intent of gaining both support and also advice on an issue that can be extremely beneficial to all student veterans in the state of Wisconsin.

The issue I would like to discuss is a proposal that Wisconsin passes a law that provides student veterans attending public institutions of higher education with priority registration for classes in much the same format as student athletes, honor students and students with disabilities receive. Student veterans are not ordinary college classmates. Their experiences are vastly-different than those of a traditional student as they have been places and seen things most others do not understand. Leaving the military and transitioning into a college classroom, after being out of school for years at a time, can be highly-stressful and daunting.

Traditional students with recent school experience still take more than four years to graduate. For the combat veteran, the task can be exponentially more difficult. Education benefits we receive have time limits that grant funding for roughly four years of schooling. While an extension of benefits would be ideal, I am simply proposing that student

veterans be given priority to enroll in classes that their degree programs require to ensure they have the best opportunity to graduate without running out of time to use the benefits they worked hard to earn. The States of California and Tennessee have passed similar laws and have been attached for review. I understand this proposal will not become law overnight but I am committed to accomplishing this goal.

I have also approached my university with this proposal but think it is critical this becomes a law as student veterans from other state schools have already been shut down. The University of Wisconsin-Madison Student Veterans of America have tackled this issue but were already denied priority registration. At the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, student veterans saw their proposal passed and their veteran students are now taking advantage of priority registration. These examples suggest some state schools support and understand the issues student veterans face while others do not. Ultimately, the schools and the state lose out on a tremendous opportunity to support student veterans as this law does not add any additional costs to the university.

Currently I am a junior attending the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with the goal of a career in law enforcement. I served six years in the United States Army on active duty; I also served two tours of duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I have zero political experience and even less experience in how to properly write legislation to be sponsored by a state politician. However, I am very passionate about the issues that student veterans face because when I started my collegiate career there was even less support for student veterans and I want to leave my campus in better shape than when I arrived.

Again, I understand that nothing will get done overnight but I am simply hoping that this proposal can at least see an official form and possibly a vote by you and your peers in the hopes that the state of Wisconsin and its political leaders are willing to serve its student veterans in the same way that the student veterans served the United States and the state of Wisconsin. This legislation will not cost the state any money, it will not cost the UW system any money either, the only byproduct of this law is that the state of Wisconsin can boast that it supports its student veterans and has consistently backed that claim up by establishing the Wisconsin G.I. Bill and now Veteran Priority Registration.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I wish you all well.

Sincerely,

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Assembly Bill No. 2133

CHAPTER 400

An act to amend Section 66025.8 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

[Approved by Governor September 20, 2012. Filed Secretary of State September 20, 2012.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2133, Blumenfield. Veterans: priority registration.

Existing law, the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth the missions and functions of the public institutions of higher education in the state, which include the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California. Existing law requires the California State University and each community college district, and requests the University of California, to grant priority registration for enrollment to a member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, who is a resident of California, and who has received an honorable discharge, a general discharge, or an other than honorable discharge, and to any member or former member of the State Military Reserve who has not received a specified discharge, for any academic term attended at one of these institutions within 4 years of leaving state or federal active duty.

This bill also would enact the Combat to College Act of 2012, which would authorize a qualifying student to use the 4 academic years during which these institutions are required, or requested, to grant priority registration for enrollment within 15 years of his or her leaving state or federal active duty. The bill also would require the priority registration for enrollment to apply to enrollment for all degree and certificate programs offered by the institution after the military or veteran status of the student has been verified by the institution he or she attends. The bill would require students receiving this priority to comply with specified requirements.

By requiring community college districts to provide priority registration for enrollment over a longer span of time, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

DIGEST KEY

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: yes

BILL TEXT

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the Combat to College Act of 2012.

SEC. 2.

Section 66025.8 of the Education Code is amended to read:

66025.8.

(a) The California State University and each community college district shall, and the University of California is requested to, with respect to each campus in their respective jurisdictions that administers a priority enrollment system, grant priority in that system for registration for enrollment to any member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, and who is a resident of California, who has received an honorable discharge, a general discharge, or an other than honorable discharge, and to any member or former member of the State Military Reserve, for any academic term attended at one of these institutions for four academic years after he or she has left state or federal active duty, which he or she shall use within 15 years of leaving state or federal active duty.

(b) A former member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the State Military Reserve who received a dishonorable discharge or a bad conduct discharge is not eligible for priority registration for enrollment pursuant to this section.

(c) The priority registration for enrollment provided pursuant to this section shall apply to enrollment for all degree and certificate programs offered by the institution after the military or veteran status of the student has been verified by the institution he or she attends.

(d) Students who receive priority registration for enrollment pursuant to this section shall comply with the requirements of subdivision (a) of Section 78212.

(e) (1) For the purposes of this section, "Armed Forces of the United States" means the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, National Guard, Naval Militia, Navy, and the reserve components of each of those forces, including the California National Guard.

(2) As used in this section, "member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States" includes, but is not necessarily limited to, any student who is called to active military duty compelling that student to take an academic leave of absence.

SEC. 3.

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If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 788

HOUSE BILL NO. 2961

By Representatives Womick, Cobb, Moore, Fitzhugh

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3115

By Senators Yager, Summerville, Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to combat veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) As used in this section, "military veteran" means a person who has entered and served honorably in the United States armed forces on active duty, active national guard or active reserves.

(b) A military veteran who is a current resident of this state or whose home of record for military purposes is Tennessee and who is a student at a public institution of higher education shall be allowed to register for classes prior to the general student population at any public institution of higher education. Early registration shall occur using the same procedure used by student athletes, disabled students and honor students, if such groups are permitted to early register.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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statutes; relating to: *... giving . . . veterans . . . priority . . . in registering for courses at the University of Wisconsin System . . . before other students*

[NOTE: See section 4.02 (2) (br), Drafting Manual, for specific order of standard phrases.]

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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(attached)

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION #.

SEC. # CR. 36.11^{*}(47m)

36.11 (47m) VETERANS, PRIORITY REGISTRATION NO

(a) In this subsection, "veteran" means a person who has served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces or in the national guard or in a reserve component of the U.S. armed forces.

(b) The board shall ensure that a resident ^{veteran} student who is a ~~resident student~~ is given priority in registering for courses before ~~the general student population~~ at any college campus or institution.

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applies to *the registration for courses offered in the first semester beginning after the effective date of this subsection*

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ANALYSIS

This bill directs the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System to ~~also~~ ensure that resident students who are veterans ~~to~~ registering for courses ~~later~~ at any UW campus ~~the~~ general student population.

are given priority in

Rose, Stefanie

From: Meinholz, Susan
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 4:09 PM
To: LRB.Legal
Subject: Draft Review: LRB -1944/1 Topic: Priority registration for veterans

Please Jacket LRB -1944/1 for the ASSEMBLY.