

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Educational Credit for Military Experience Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act, "institution
7 of higher education" means the University of Illinois, Southern
8 Illinois University, Chicago State University, Eastern
9 Illinois University, Governors State University, Illinois
10 State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern
11 Illinois University, Western Illinois University, a public
12 community college that is included in the definition of
13 "Community Colleges" under Section 1-2 of the Public Community
14 College Act, and any institution that receives funds under
15 Section 35 of the Higher Education Student Assistance Act.

16 Section 10. Policies and procedures.

17 (a) Before June 1, 2017, each institution of higher
18 education shall adopt a policy regarding its awarding of
19 academic credit for military training considered applicable to
20 the requirements of the student's certificate or degree
21 program. The policy shall apply to any individual who is
22 enrolled in the institution of higher education and who has

1 successfully completed a military training course or program as
2 part of his or her military service that is:

3 (1) recommended for credit by a national higher
4 education association that provides credit recommendations
5 for military training courses and programs;

6 (2) included in the individual's military transcript
7 issued by any branch of the armed services; or

8 (3) otherwise documented as military training or
9 experience.

10 (b) Each institution of higher education shall develop a
11 procedure for receiving the necessary documentation to
12 identify and verify the military training course or program
13 that an individual is claiming for academic credit.

14 (c) Each institution of higher education shall provide a
15 copy of its policy for awarding academic credit for military
16 training to any applicant who listed prior or present military
17 service in his or her application.

18 (d) Each institution of higher education shall develop and
19 maintain a list of military training courses and programs that
20 have qualified for academic credit.

21 Section 15. Policies and procedures review. Each
22 institution of higher education shall submit its policy for
23 awarding academic credit for military training to the Board of
24 Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board, if
25 applicable, before June 30, 2017 and before June 30 of every

1 other year thereafter.

2 The Board of Higher Education shall collect data in the
3 Illinois Higher Education Information System on students who
4 are veterans or have military service to assess enrollment and
5 completions outcomes.