

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0 to the State</b>

**Research Analysis**

The committee substitute to Senate Bill 1863 creates the Post-Military Service Occupation, Education and Credentialing Act. The act authorizes public and private institutions of higher education to apply academic credit to education, training and experience received through military duty for honorably discharged members of the military who become students at institutions of higher education or career technology centers within three years of the end of their military service. Governing boards must adopt policies by January 1, 2013. Courses must meet the standards of the American Council on Education or equivalent standards.

The measure also instructs administrative bodies, state agency directors or officials with authority over professional licensure to accept qualifications received during military service and apply them toward licensure where applicable. The measure also requires agencies, boards and commissions to develop procedures to expedite the licensure of military spouse applicants if the military member is on active duty within the state or claims permanent residency in the state for six months prior to assignment to active duty or during the period of active duty. The applicant must be certified in another state to perform those professional services and have left employment in another state to accompany the spouse on active duty. A temporary permit may be issued if the person needs to complete additional requirements not required in the previous state.

The measure also allows for the extension of professional licenses for active duty military members and time to activate the license after military service. While deployed the active member may renew licenses without payment or continuing education.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

According to the State Department of Career and Technology Education, none of the measure's provisions will require additional state appropriations. Though the State Regents do not anticipate any impact to the state, they report some institutions may incur unknown costs.

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**Other Considerations**

None