

Oklahoma State Senate

Bill Summary and Fiscal Impact

Agency: State Regents/CareerTech/licensing boards

Bill Number: SB 1863

Senate Author: Russell

House Author: Coody

FY '13 Impact: No required costs, implementation of intent over \$7 million

Full Year Impact: No required costs, implementation of intent over \$7 million

Bill Summary and Comments: This bill authorizes higher education institutions and CareerTech centers to utilize a specific guide to apply academic credit for education and training received through military duty. Each governing board of the various schools shall adopt a policy applying the academic credits and will adopt rules for implementation of that policy. Any entity with authority over licenses or certifications shall accept satisfactory evidence of equivalent education training and experience and apply it toward the qualifications for a license or certificate. The same entities are authorized to automatically extend licenses or certificates under certain conditions for active-duty military members without requiring the payment of dues or fees, or obtaining continuing education credits. Every health-related agency, board or commission is authorized to expedite endorsement or issuance of licenses or certificates to military spouse applicants under certain conditions. Most of the legislation is authorizing language therefore there is no required costs, however, to fully implement the intent of the bill, CareerTech has estimated a cost above \$7 million and the State Regents has reported costs could vary by institution.

Monday, February 27, 2012