

Legislative Analysis



COMMUNITY COLLEGE CREDIT FOR MILITARY TRAINING AND EDUCATION

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House Bill 5036 (Substitute H-1)
Sponsor: Rep. Bruce R. Rendon
Committee: Military and Veterans Affairs

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5036 AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

The bill would require a community college to do the following in its admission application process if it knows that an applicant is currently serving or ever served as a member of the military, the Michigan National Guard or the military reserves:

- Inform the applicant that academic credit was available for college-level training and education received while serving in the military.
- Inform the applicant that he or she could submit a transcript of college-level military training and education to the community college.
- Evaluate any transcript submitted and notify the applicant of the transfer credits that were available to the applicant from college-level military training and education.

The bill is an amendment to the Community College Act (MCL 389.123a) and, specifically, requires a board of trustees to ensure that a community college meets the requirements described above.

The bill would defined the term "transcript" to include a joint services transcript prepared for the applicant under the American Council on Education Registry of Credit Recommendation. The bill would take effect 90 days after it was enacted into law.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state. Costs that could be incurred by community colleges would depend on the extent to which they are already working with veterans as provided by the bill.

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