

IC 21-41-10

Chapter 10. Combat to College Program

IC 21-41-10-1

Application

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a state educational institution only if at least two hundred (200) veteran students are enrolled in the state educational institution.

As added by P.L.2-2014, SEC.98.

IC 21-41-10-2

"Armed forces"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "armed forces" has the meaning set forth in IC 10-17-12-2.

As added by P.L.2-2014, SEC.98.

IC 21-41-10-3

"Coordinator"

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "coordinator" refers to a program coordinator designated under section 10 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-2014, SEC.98.

IC 21-41-10-4

"National guard"

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "national guard" means a state's:

(1) army national guard; or

(2) air national guard.

As added by P.L.2-2014, SEC.98.

IC 21-41-10-5

"Postsecondary credit"

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "postsecondary credit" means credit toward:

(1) an associate degree;

(2) a baccalaureate degree; or

(3) a career and technical education certification;

granted by a state educational institution.

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IC 21-41-10-6

"Program"

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the combat to college program established under section 8 of this chapter.

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IC 21-41-10-7

"Veteran student"

Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "veteran student" refers to a

student of a state educational institution who has been or is currently serving as a member of the:

- (1) armed forces; or
- (2) national guard.

As added by P.L.2-2014, SEC.98.

IC 21-41-10-8

Establishment of program

Sec. 8. Each state educational institution shall establish a combat to college program to create a positive educational environment for veteran students to successfully graduate from academic and vocational degree programs while recognizing the skills, training, and experiences associated with military service.

As added by P.L.2-2014, SEC.98.

IC 21-41-10-9

Responsibilities of state educational institution

Sec. 9. Each state educational institution shall do the following:

- (1) Provide on its application for admission a question asking whether the applicant is currently or has ever been a member of the armed forces and an instruction directing the applicant, if the applicant has been a member of the armed forces, to indicate on the application whether the applicant received an honorable discharge.
- (2) To the extent possible exercising financial prudence, provide a centralized location for admissions, registration for classes, and financial administration services for veteran students.
- (3) Provide reasonable accommodations, in compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), at a state educational institution's fitness facility for veteran students who are disabled.
- (4) Develop programs to provide academic and career counseling specifically designed for veteran students.
- (5) Develop programs to provide reasonable access to specialized counseling services or resources for veteran students who are disabled or veteran students suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder.
- (6) Develop job search assistance programs designed for veteran students during the veteran student's enrollment at the state educational institution.

As added by P.L.2-2014, SEC.98.

IC 21-41-10-10

Establishment of program coordinator; duties

Sec. 10. (a) Each state educational institution shall designate a program coordinator.

- (b) The duties of the coordinator include the following:

- (1) Develop programs to create a positive educational environment for veteran students while the veteran student is enrolled at the state educational institution.
- (2) Develop training programs for the state educational institution's personnel relating to:
 - (A) issues associated with identifying and assisting veteran students with posttraumatic stress disorder;
 - (B) veteran benefits; and
 - (C) any issue that the coordinator determines will educate a state educational institution's faculty or staff of the special needs of veteran students.
- (3) Make recommendations to the commission for higher education established under IC 21-18-2 concerning ways to improve the education of veteran students.
- (4) Coordinate access to stress management, counseling programs, and other resources available to a veteran student at the state educational institution.
- (5) Coordinate with the Indiana department of veterans' affairs established by IC 10-17-1-2 to educate veteran students about state benefits available to Indiana veterans.
- (6) Coordinate with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to educate veteran students about federal benefits available to veterans.
- (7) Coordinate with the adjutant general or the adjutant general's designee to educate veteran students about benefits and programs available to veteran students who served or are currently serving in the national guard.
- (8) Coordinate activities, seminars, and programs for veteran students presented by a veterans organization.
- (9) Coordinate campus activities and social events designed for veteran students.
- (10) Develop programs to assist a veteran student to locate employment.
- (11) Develop internship programs designed specifically for veteran students.
- (12) Develop an Internet web site to provide veteran students access to veteran resources.

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