



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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AMENDED
FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2602

veteran supportive campuses

Purpose

Replaces enabling language related to Arizona Veteran Supportive Campuses (AVSC).

Background

Pursuant to Laws 2011, Chapter 307, a postsecondary institution can request to be certified by the Director of the Department of Veterans' Services (Director) as an AVSC and allows the Department of Veterans' Services (Department) to maintain a list of certified AVSCs on the Department's website.

An AVSC is defined as a postsecondary institution that offers: a) a campus survey of student veterans to identify the needs, issues and suggestions of veterans; b) a campus steering committee consisting of student veterans, faculty and staff to share information and to develop programs to establish or strengthen a veterans supportive campus; c) sensitivity and awareness training on various issues; d) student veteran orientation programs; e) peer mentoring and peer support programs for student veterans; f) outreach strategies to local military bases; g) one-stop resource and study centers on campus for student veterans, their families and student family members of the armed forces who are currently deployed; h) community-based collaborations to allow the private sector to support veteran resource centers through financial and in-kind gifts.

Currently, the Department is allowed to make a reasonable effort to notify postsecondary institutions and other appropriate entities of the opportunity to be a certified AVSC and on or before December 31 and June 30 of each year, each AVSC is required to forward a report to the Department on the number of veterans enrolled in its campus.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Requires, rather than allows, the Department to do the following:
 - a) maintain a list of certified AVSCs; and
 - b) make a reasonable effort to notify postsecondary institutions and any other appropriate entities of the opportunity to be certified as an AVSC.
2. Requires each AVSC to include the number of graduating veterans from its campus in the biannual report to the Department.

3. Makes technical changes.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Committee

- Requires each AVSC to include the number of graduating veterans from its campus in its biannual report to the Department.

House Action

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