

HOUSE BILL No. 1166

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 21-18.

Synopsis: Veterans education center of excellence. Establishes the veterans education center of excellence to serve as a clearinghouse for information concerning educational benefits and programs available to veterans at state educational institutions.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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Second Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2014)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning military and veterans.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 21-18-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.107-2012,
2 SECTION 57, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. The general purposes of the commission are the
4 following:
5 (1) Plan for and coordinate Indiana's state supported system of
6 postsecondary education.
7 (2) Review appropriation requests of state educational
8 institutions.
9 (3) Make recommendations to the governor, budget agency, or the
10 general assembly concerning postsecondary education.
11 (4) Perform other functions assigned by the governor or the
12 general assembly, except those functions specifically assigned by
13 law to the state workforce innovation council under IC 22-4.1-19.
14 (5) Administer state financial aid programs under IC 21-18.5-4.
15 (6) Provide staff and office space for the board for proprietary
16 education established by IC 21-18.5-5-1.



1 **(7) Provide staff and office space for the Indiana veterans**
2 **education center of excellence established by IC 21-18-13-4.**

3 SECTION 2. IC 21-18-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
4 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2014]:

6 **Chapter 13. Indiana Veterans Education Center of Excellence**

7 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "center" refers to the Indiana**
8 **veterans education center of excellence established by section 4 of**
9 **this chapter.**

10 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "coordinator" refers to a combat**
11 **to college program coordinator designated under IC 21-41-9-10.**

12 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "programs" refers to the combat**
13 **to college programs established under IC 21-41-9-8.**

14 **Sec. 4. The Indiana veterans education center of excellence is**
15 **established to serve as a repository and clearinghouse for**
16 **information concerning educational benefits and programs**
17 **available to veteran students (as defined in IC 21-41-9-7) at state**
18 **educational institutions.**

19 **Sec. 5. (a) The commission for higher education, in consultation**
20 **with the Indiana department of veterans' affairs established by**
21 **IC 10-17-1-2 and the department of education established by**
22 **IC 20-19-3-1, shall designate staff responsible for the operation of**
23 **the center.**

24 **(b) The staff's duties include the following:**

25 **(1) Establishing and maintaining a list of contact information**
26 **for each state educational institution's program coordinator.**

27 **(2) Compiling information on programs and services available**
28 **to veterans at each state educational institution.**

29 **(3) Publishing the information described in subdivisions (1)**
30 **and (2) on the commission's Internet web site.**

