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SENATE BILL NO. 457—SENATORS PARKS,  
SPEARMAN AND HARDY

MARCH 27, 2017

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN EDWARDS, KRAMER,  
WHEELER, MCARTHUR; AND PICKARD

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Provides for the award of college credit for military education, training and occupational experience. (BDR 34-1080)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; requiring certain entities to collaborate to establish statewide standards for the awarding of credit for military education, training or occupational experience; requiring that credit earned by a student for military education, training or occupational experience be applicable toward the coursework required for the award of a degree or certificate at a community college, state college or university in the Nevada System of Higher Education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law requires the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to issue  
2 a diploma of graduation from the Nevada System of Higher Education upon the  
3 recommendation of a president of a branch within the System to students who  
4 complete the requirements for graduation and a degree. (NRS 396.560) This bill  
5 requires the Board of Regents or its designee and the Commission on  
6 Postsecondary Education to collaborate with the American Council on Education to  
7 establish statewide standards for awarding credit for military education, training or  
8 occupational experience. This bill also requires that credit earned by a student for  
9 military education, training or occupational experience must be applicable toward  
10 the coursework required of the student for the award of an associate’s degree,



11 baccalaureate degree or certificate at any university, state college or community  
12 college in the System.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The Board of Regents or its designee and the Commission*  
4 *on Postsecondary Education created by NRS 394.383 shall*  
5 *collaborate with the American Council on Education to establish*  
6 *statewide standards for awarding credit for military education,*  
7 *training or occupational experience. Such standards must include,*  
8 *without limitation, the:*

9 *(a) Identification of any military education, training or*  
10 *occupational experience listed on a Joint Services Transcript or*  
11 *an Air University or Community College of the Air Force*  
12 *transcript for which credit must be awarded;*

13 *(b) Amount of credit that will be awarded for the completion of*  
14 *such education, training or occupational experience; and*

15 *(c) Specific academic program in a community college, state*  
16 *college or university to which such credit is applicable.*

17 *2. Credit earned by a student for military education, training*  
18 *or occupational experience must be applicable toward the*  
19 *coursework required of the student for the award of an associate's*  
20 *degree, baccalaureate degree or certificate at any university, state*  
21 *college or community college.*

22 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

