



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 622

HOUSE BILL NO. 2102

By Representative Ragan

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2211

By Senator Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 13, relative to veterans education transition support campuses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-1306, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) THEC may designate VETS campuses that strive to increase enrollment, continuation, and graduation rates of veterans, while also meeting the advanced qualification criteria established by THEC, as VETS Bravo campuses.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-1307, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) To become and continue to be a VETS Bravo campus, a campus of a public or private nonprofit institution of higher education must:

(1) Have been designated a VETS campus for no less than the three-consecutive-year period immediately preceding the date on which the institution submits a request for certification as a VETS Bravo campus;

(2) Submit a request for certification as a VETS Bravo campus to the executive director of THEC;

(3) Develop a peer mentoring or other similar support program dedicated specifically for veterans and military-affiliated students;

(4) Designate a VETS Bravo campus liaison who participates in no less than two (2) professional development activities per year related to veterans; and

(5) Provide career placement services specifically for veterans.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-1309, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) By July 31 of each year, a campus meeting the qualification criteria and attaining the VETS campus designation shall provide the following data to THEC:

(1) The number of veterans enrolled at the campus;

(2) The programs of study in which veterans are enrolled;

(3) The completion of degrees or other credentials by veterans; and

(4) A current list of course equivalencies for military education, training, and experience.

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(b) By July 31, 2025, and by each July 31 thereafter, a VETS campus designated as a VETS Bravo campus shall provide the following data to THEC:

(1) Aggregated annual survey results;

(2) The number of students participating in support programs dedicated specifically for veteran and military-affiliated students along with academic progress statistics;

(3) Documentation evidencing the VETS Bravo campus liaison's participation in at least two (2) professional development activities related to veterans; and

(4) The number of veteran students who received career services and the job placement rate for all veteran students in the previous academic year.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 11, 2024



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY,
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 27th day of March 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR