

**HIGHER EDUCATION ADMISSION AMENDMENTS**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Aaron Osmond**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill addresses the admission of certain students to an institution of higher education.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ prohibits the use of certain academic performance criteria in considering the admission of certain combat veterans or children of combat veterans to an institution of higher education.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**53B-16-108**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **53B-16-108** is enacted to read:

**53B-16-108. Admission of certain combat veterans and children of combat**



28 **veterans to an institution of higher education.**

29 (1) As used in this section:

30 (a) "Academic performance" means:

31 (i) high school grade point average;

32 (ii) cumulative grade point average in college or university courses;

33 (iii) high school percentile rank;

34 (iv) high school, college, or university course grades; or

35 (v) standardized test scores.

36 (b) "Combat veteran" means a person who has served in the armed forces and was  
37 deployed to a combat zone designated by executive order of the president of the United States.

38 (c) "Eligible applicant" means an applicant for admission to an institution of higher  
39 education who is:

40 (i) a combat veteran who, by the first day of classes for the term the applicant seeks to  
41 attend, will be a resident of Utah for a continuous five-year period; or

42 (ii) a biological or adopted child of an individual described in Subsection (1)(c)(i).

43 (d) "Freshman" means a student who has earned fewer than 30 semester credits or 45  
44 quarter credits of college or university course work.

45 (e) "Institution of higher education" means an entity listed in Section [53B-2-101](#).

46 (2) An institution of higher education may not consider an eligible applicant's academic  
47 performance in determining whether the eligible applicant qualifies for admission to the  
48 institution as a freshman.

49 (3) An institution of higher education may require an eligible applicant to have a high  
50 school diploma or a General Educational Development (GED) diploma.

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