

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1052

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Requiring institutions of higher education to make an early registration process available to spouses and domestic partners of active members of the military.

Sponsors: House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Hayes, Fey, Klippert, Orwall, Appleton, Muri, MacEwen, Gregerson, Haler, Bergquist, Moeller, Riccelli and Magendanz).

Higher Education: 1/28/15, 2/10/15 [DPS].

Background:

Early Course Registration.

At public institutions of higher education, student course registration order is usually based on the number of credits a student has been awarded by the attending institution, sometimes referred to as "class standing." Priority registration varies depending on each institution's policy, and some institutions do not offer priority registration.

Institutions that offer an early course registration period for any segment of the student population must also have a process in place to offer students who are eligible veterans or National Guard members early course registration. Eligible veterans and National Guard members who are:

- new students and have completed all of their admission processes must be offered an early course registration period; and
- continuing and returning former students who have met enrollment requirements must be offered early course registration among continuing students with the same level of class standing or credit as determined by the attending institution and the institutional policies.

In order to be eligible, a veteran or National Guard member must:

- be a Washington resident;
- have been an active or reserve member of the United States military or naval forces, or a National Guard member called to active duty, who served in active federal service in a war or conflict fought on foreign soil or in support of those serving on foreign soil or in international waters; and
- have received an honorable discharge.

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Summary:

The early course registration process available for eligible veterans and National Guard members must be offered to spouses receiving veteran education benefits. The provisions expire August 1, 2022.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0
Senate	45	0

Effective: July 24, 2015