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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JUNE 6, 2012

AN ACT

1 Providing for matriculating veteran students to receive a course
2 scheduling preference at public institutions of higher
3 education.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Higher
8 Education Course Scheduling Preference for Matriculating Student
9 Veterans Act.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Matriculating veteran student." An individual who:

15 (1) is a veteran;

16 (2) has received an honorable discharge from any branch

1 of the uniformed services;

2 (3) has been admitted to a public institution of higher
3 education; and

4 (4) resides in this Commonwealth while enrolled at the
5 public institution of higher education.

6 "Public institution of higher education." A community
7 college, a State-related institution or a member institution of
8 the State System of Higher Education.

9 Section 3. Course scheduling preference.

10 (a) General rule.--Within 90 days of the effective date of
11 this section, a public institution of higher education shall
12 provide matriculating student veterans with the same preference
13 in course scheduling as the preferences provided for upper
14 classmen and other students that receive priority scheduling at
15 the public institution of higher education.

16 (b) Existing policies.--If, on the effective date of this
17 section, a public institution of higher education has
18 established and implemented a policy relating to preference in
19 course scheduling that includes veterans and the policy complies
20 with this act, the public institution of higher education shall
21 not be required to establish and implement a new policy under
22 the provision of this act.

23 Section 4. Effective date.

24 This act shall take effect immediately.