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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 22, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
5 laws relating thereto," providing for a veterans' ombudsman  
6 in each State university.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 2010-A(1) of the act of March 10, 1949  
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added  
11 November 12, 1982 (P.L.660, No.188), is amended to read:

12 Section 2010-A. Power and Duties of Institution  
13 Presidents.--The president of each institution shall be  
14 appointed by the board. The president shall be the chief  
15 executive officer of that institution. He shall have the right  
16 to attend all meetings of the council of that institution and  
17 shall have the right to speak on all matters before the council  
18 but not to vote. Subject to the stated authority of the board  
19 and the council, each president shall have the power and his

1 duties shall be:

2 (1) Except insofar as such matters are governed by  
3 collective bargaining agreements entered pursuant to the act of  
4 July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the "Public Employe  
5 Relations Act," and subject to the policies of the board, to  
6 appoint such employes, professional and noninstructional,  
7 graduate assistants, a veterans' ombudsman to represent the  
8 interests of veterans in all matters, etc. as necessary, to fix  
9 the salaries and benefits of employes, professional and  
10 noninstructional, and to establish policies and procedures  
11 governing employment rights, promotion, dismissal, tenure,  
12 leaves of absence, grievances and salary schedules.

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14 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

15 Section 2019-A. Veterans' Ombudsman.--(a) Each institution  
16 of the system shall employ a veterans' ombudsman who shall  
17 represent the interests of veterans in all aspects of the  
18 operation of this institution.

19 (b) The veterans' ombudsman shall not hold any other  
20 position or perform any other duties in that agency except those  
21 relating to the position of veterans' ombudsman.

22 (c) The veterans' ombudsman must have a working knowledge of  
23 veterans' rights and benefits.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, or  
25 immediately, whichever is later.