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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5969**

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**By** Senate Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators O'Ban, McCoy, Schoesler, Hobbs, Hatfield, Brown, Conway, Rolfes, Braun, McAuliffe, and Benton)

READ FIRST TIME 01/22/14.

1       AN ACT Relating to awarding academic credit for military training;  
2 and adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6       (1) Before December 31, 2015, each institution of higher education  
7 must adopt a policy to award academic credit for military training  
8 applicable to the student's certificate or degree requirements. The  
9 policy shall apply to any individual who is enrolled in the institution  
10 of higher education and who has successfully completed a military  
11 training course or program as part of his or her military service that  
12 is:

13       (a) Recommended for credit by a national higher education  
14 association that provides credit recommendations for military training  
15 courses and programs;

16       (b) Included in the individual's military transcript issued by any  
17 branch of the armed services; or

18       (c) Other documented military training or experience.

1           (2) Each institution of higher education must develop a procedure  
2 for receiving the necessary documentation to identify and verify the  
3 military training course or program that an individual is claiming for  
4 academic credit.

5           (3) Each institution of higher education must provide a copy of its  
6 policy for awarding academic credit for military training to any  
7 applicant who listed prior or present military service in his or her  
8 application. Each institution of higher education must develop and  
9 maintain a list of military training courses and programs that have  
10 qualified for academic credit.

11           (4) Each institution of higher education must submit its policy for  
12 awarding academic credit for military training to the prior learning  
13 assessment work group convened pursuant to RCW 28B.77.230.

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