

March 2012

## **FLORIDA LEGISLATION**

Introduced during the 2012 Regular Session

### **HB 45 Postsecondary Education Course Registration for Veterans**

GENERAL BILL by Smith

Postsecondary Education Course Registration for Veterans: Requires certain Florida College System institutions & state universities to provide priority course registration for veterans; provides eligibility requirements; encourages certain independent postsecondary educational institutions to provide priority course registration.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Last Event: Ordered enrolled on Thursday, March 08, 2012 10:56 AM

### **HB 131 Resident Status for Tuition Purposes**

GENERAL BILL by Grant and Ingram (CO-SPONSORS) Baxley; Corcoran; Gaetz; Garcia; Smith

Resident Status for Tuition Purposes: Provides that veterans of Armed Services of United States, including reserve components thereof, who attend physical location of public college, university, or institution of higher learning within state are residents for tuition purposes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Last Event: Now in K-20 Innovation Subcommittee on Monday, October 03, 2011 12:44 PM

### **HB 755: Postsecondary Education of Military Veterans**

GENERAL BILL by Holder

Postsecondary Education of Military Veterans; Requires that any veteran who meets specified criteria be admitted to any Florida College System institution or state university of veteran's choice.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Last Event: Died in K-20 Innovation Subcommittee on Friday, March 09, 2012 11:59 PM

### **SB 94 Postsecondary Education Course Registration for Veterans**

GENERAL BILL by Fasano (CO-SPONSORS) Evers

Postsecondary Education Course Registration for Veterans: Requiring certain Florida College System institutions and state universities to provide priority course registration for veterans; providing eligibility requirements; encouraging certain independent postsecondary educational institutions to provide priority course registration for veterans, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2012

Last Event: Thursday, March 08, 2012 - 03/08/12 S Laid on Table, refer to CS/HB 45 -SJ 965

### **SB 164 Resident Status for Tuition Purposes Appear at Meeting**

GENERAL BILL by Fasano

Resident Status for Tuition Purposes: Providing that veterans of the Armed Services of the United States, including reserve components thereof, who attend the physical location of a public college,

university, or institution of higher learning within the state are residents for tuition purposes, etc.

**Effective Date:** 07/01/2012

**Last Event:** Last Action: 01/10/2012 Introduced -SJ 20

### **SB 404 Postsecondary Education of Military Veterans**

**GENERAL BILL** by Bennett (CO-SPONSORS) Evers; Gaetz

**Postsecondary Education of Military Veterans: Requiring that any veteran who meets specified criteria be admitted to any Florida College System institution or state university of the veteran's choice, etc.**

**Effective Date:** 07/01/2012

**Last Event:** 11/16/2011 S Withdrawn prior to introduction -SJ 37

## **FEDERAL LEGISLATION 111<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS**

H.R.3577 : Education Assistance to Realign New Eligibilities for Dependents (EARNED) Act of 2009

**Sponsor:** Rep Rodriguez, Ciro D. [TX-23] (introduced 9/15/2009)      Cosponsors (27)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 3/4/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.

### **No Recent Changes**

H.R.3813 : Veterans Training Act

**Sponsor:** Rep Sestak, Joe [PA-7] (introduced 10/14/2009)      Cosponsors (19)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/25/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

### **No Recent Changes**

H.R.4279 : To amend titles 38 and 10, United States Code, to authorize accelerated payments of educational assistance to certain veterans and members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces.

**Sponsor:** Rep Quigley, Mike [IL-5] (introduced 12/10/2009)      Cosponsors (9)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

**Latest Major Action:** 1/12/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

### **No Recent Change**

H.R.4765 : To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize individuals who are pursuing programs of rehabilitation, education, or training under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to receive work-study allowances for certain outreach services provided through congressional offices, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Rep DeFazio, Peter A. [OR-4] (introduced 3/4/2010)      Cosponsors (12)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 7/15/2010 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote

**No Recent Change**

H.R.5303 : To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve housing stipends for veterans receiving educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Program.

**Sponsor:** Rep Bishop, Timothy H. [NY-1] (introduced 5/13/2010)      **Cosponsors** (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 5/13/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**No Recent Change**

H.R.5458 : Christopher Bryski Student Loan Protection Act

**Sponsor:** Rep Adler, John H. [NJ-3] (introduced 5/28/2010)      Cosponsors (27)

**Committees:** House Financial Services; House Education and Labor

**Latest Major Action:** 9/29/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**No Recent Change**

H.R.5737 Title: Post-9/11 G.I. Bill Dependent Coverage Improvement Act

To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the age of eligibility of dependent children for receipt of transferred educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Sponsor:** Rep Moore, Gwen [WI-4] (introduced 7/14/2010)      Cosponsors (1)

**Latest Major Action:** 7/16/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

**No Recent Change**

H.R.5826 : To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of active duty for purposes of the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to include certain service in the National Guard.

**Sponsor:** Rep Altmire, Jason [PA-4] (introduced 7/22/2010)      Cosponsors (1)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 7/23/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

**No Recent Change**

H.R.5933 : Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010

**Sponsor:** Rep Minnick, Walter [ID-1] (introduced 7/29/2010)      Cosponsors (125)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 7/30/2010 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

**No Recent Change**

H.R.6336 : Post-9/11 Military Family Fair Education Opportunity Act

**Sponsor:** Rep Heinrich, Martin [NM-1] (introduced 9/29/2010)      **Cosponsors**  
(None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 9/29/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R.6372 : Spouses of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act

**Sponsor:** Rep Nye, Glenn C. [VA-2] (introduced 9/29/2010)      Cosponsors (2)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 9/29/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**No Recent Change**

H.R.6430 : Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvement Act of 2010

**Sponsor:** Rep Minnick, Walter [ID-1] (introduced 11/18/2010)      **Cosponsors**  
(None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 11/18/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**No Recent Change**

H.R.6513 : To amend title 38, United States Code, to allow for the transfer of educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program to certain dependents to be used for special education.

**Sponsor:** Rep Fortenberry, Jeff [NE-1] (introduced 12/9/2010)      Cosponsors (1)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 12/9/2010 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**No Recent Change**

S.3082 : A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize individuals who are pursuing programs of rehabilitation, education, or training under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to receive work-study allowances for certain outreach services provided through congressional offices, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Sen Wyden, Ron [OR] (introduced 3/5/2010)      Cosponsors (1)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 3/5/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**No Recent Change**

S.3389 : A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt individuals who receive certain educational assistance for service in the Selected Reserve from limitations on the receipt of assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program for additional service in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Sen Hagan, Kay [NC] (introduced 5/20/2010) Cosponsors (1)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 5/20/2010 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

No Recent Change

## **FEDERAL LEGISLATION 112<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS**

H.R.276 : To amend title 38, United States Code, to allow for the transfer of educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program to certain dependents to be used for special education.

**Sponsor:** Rep Fortenberry, Jeff [NE-1] (introduced 1/12/2011) Cosponsors (4)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 2/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

No Recent changes

H.R.614 : Post 9/11 G.I. Bill Dependent Coverage Improvement Act

**Sponsor:** Rep Moore, Gwen [WI-4] (introduced 2/10/2011) Cosponsors (16)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 3/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

No Recent changes

H.R.1130 : Education Assistance to Realign New Eligibilities for Dependents (EARNED) Act of 2011

**Sponsor:** Rep Alexander, Rodney [LA-5] (introduced 3/16/2011) Cosponsors (7)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 4/1/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

No Recent changes – EXCEPT ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

### **H.R.1383**

**Latest Title: Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011**

**Sponsor:** Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 4/6/2011) Cosponsors (11)

**Related Bills:** S.745

To temporarily preserve higher rates for tuition and fees for programs of education at non-public institutions of higher learning pursued by individuals enrolled in the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs before the enactment

of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010, and for other purposes.

**Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 8/3/2011 112-26 [GPO: [Text](#), [PDF](#)]**

**House Reports: [112-81](#)**

**\*\*\* For additional information on the changes and how it may affect your benefits go to <http://www.military.com/education/content/gi-bill/20-top-faqs-for-the-new-gi-bill.html> \*\*\***

H.R.1451 : Post 9/11 GI Bill Payment Restoration Act

**To repeal a modification of authority to make certain interval payments of educational assistance under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.**

**Sponsor:** [Rep Davis, Susan A.](#) [CA-53] (introduced 4/8/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (11)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs; House Appropriations

**Latest Major Action:** 4/29/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

No recent changes

H.R.1910 : To extend for one year the authority of certain members of the Armed Forces and veterans to transfer unused Post-9/11 Educational Assistance benefits to family members.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Bartlett, Roscoe G.](#) [MD-6] (introduced 5/13/2011) [Cosponsors](#) (15)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 5/27/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

No Recent changes

H.R.2002 : To amend title 38, United States Code, to permit disabled or injured members of the Armed Forces to transfer Post 9/11 Educational Assistance benefits after retirement, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Chaffetz, Jason](#) [UT-3] (introduced 5/26/2011) **Cosponsors** (3)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 6/24/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

No Recent changes- EXCEPT ONE ADDITIONAL CO-SPONSOR

H.R.2274 : To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress annual reports on the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Bilirakis, Gus M.](#) [FL-9] (introduced 6/22/2011) **Cosponsors** (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

**Latest Major Action:** 7/21/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .

H.R.2301 : Streamlining Education Claims Processing Act of 2011

**Sponsor:** Rep Stutzman, Marlin A. [IN-3] (introduced 6/22/2011)

**Cosponsors** (None)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 7/21/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.

H.R.2550 : Spouses of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act

**Sponsor:** Rep Boren, Dan [OK-2] (introduced 7/15/2011) Cosponsors (1)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 7/29/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

**H.R.3329 : To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the eligibility period for veterans to enroll in certain vocational rehabilitation programs.**

**Sponsor:** Rep Sanchez, Linda T. [CA-39] (introduced 11/2/2011) Cosponsors (6)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 11/10/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

**H.R.3351 : Franchise Education for Veterans Act**

**Sponsor:** Rep Griffin, Tim [AR-2] (introduced 11/3/2011) Cosponsors (2)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services

**Latest Major Action:** 11/10/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

**H.R.3447 : Veterans' Education Protection Act**

**Sponsor:** Rep Quigley, Mike [IL-5] (introduced 11/16/2011) Cosponsors (None)

**Committees:** House Education and the Workforce

**Latest Major Action:** 11/16/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

**H.R.3462 : To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make tuition payments for veterans enrolled in institutions of higher learning who are receiving assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program by not later than the tuition due date for the quarter, semester, or term.**

**Sponsor:** Rep Clarke, Hansen [MI-13] (introduced 11/17/2011) Cosponsors (6)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 12/6/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

**H.R.3483 : Veterans Education Equity Act of 2011**

**Sponsor:** Rep Butterfield, G. K. [NC-1] (introduced 11/18/2011) Cosponsors (9)

**Committees:** House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 12/6/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

**H.R.3764 : Ensuring Quality Education for Veterans Act**

**Sponsor:** Rep Waters, Maxine [CA-35] (introduced 12/20/2011) Cosponsors (None)

**Committees:** House Education and the Workforce; House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action: 1/3/2012 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity**

**H.R.4055 : Military and Veterans Education Protection Act. A bill to count revenues from military and veteran education programs toward the limit on Federal revenues that certain proprietary institutions of higher education are allowed to receive for purposes of section 487 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.**

**Sponsor: Rep Speier, Jackie [CA-12] (introduced 2/16/2012) Cosponsors (11)  
Related Bills: S.2116**

**Committees: House Education and the Workforce; House Armed Services; House Veterans' Affairs**

**Latest Major Action: 2/24/2012 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity**

**H.R.4140 : Restore the Promise GI Bill. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the time limitation for use of eligibility and entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill.**

**Sponsor: Rep Murphy, Christopher S. [CT-5] (introduced 3/5/2012) Cosponsors (None)**

**Committees: House Veterans' Affairs; House Armed Services**

**Latest Major Action: 3/5/2012 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.**

S.536 : A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that utilization of survivors' and dependents' educational assistance shall not be subject to the 48-month limitation on the aggregate amount of assistance utilizable under multiple veterans and related educational assistance programs.

**Sponsor:** Sen Webb, Jim [VA] (introduced 3/9/2011) Cosponsors (1)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 6/8/2011 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

No recent changes

S.745 : A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to protect certain veterans who would otherwise be subject to a reduction in educational assistance benefits, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Sen Schumer, Charles E. [NY] (introduced 4/6/2011) Cosponsors (5)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 7/19/2011 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 105.

No recent changes



**S.1633****Latest Title: Selected Reserve Education Enhancement Act**

To amend chapter 1606 of title 10, United States Code, to modify the basis utilized for annual adjustments in amounts of educational assistance for members of the Selected Reserve.

**Sponsor:** Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 9/26/2011) Cosponsors (2)

**Latest Major Action:** 9/26/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

**No recent changes**

**S.1634 :** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the approval and disapproval of programs of education for purposes of educational benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 9/26/2011) Cosponsors (1)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 9/26/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

No recent changes

**S.1852 : Spouses of Heroes Education Act**

**Sponsor:** Sen Merkley, Jeff [OR] (introduced 11/10/2011) Cosponsors (1)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 11/10/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S.2116 : Military and Veterans Education Protection Act. A bill to count revenues from military and veteran education programs toward the limit on Federal revenues that certain proprietary institutions of higher education are allowed to receive for purposes of section 487 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.**

**Sponsor:** Sen Carper, Thomas R. [DE] (introduced 2/16/2012) Cosponsors (7)

**Related Bills:** H.R.4055

**Committees:** Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

**Latest Major Action:** 2/16/2012 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**S.2179 : VA/DoD Educational Assistance Oversight. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve oversight of educational assistance provided under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense, and for other purposes.**

**Sponsor:** Sen Webb, Jim [VA] (introduced 3/8/2012) Cosponsors (4)

**Committees:** Senate Veterans' Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 3/8/2012 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

\*\*\*\*\* Legislation that has had recent activity and/or new legislation is in Red and Bold, Legislation that has been passed in is Blue