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HOUSE BILL 2602

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-609, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO VETERAN SUPPORTIVE CAMPUSES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 41-609, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 41-609. Arizona veteran supportive campuses; department list;
5 reports; definition

6 A. A postsecondary institution may request to be certified by the
7 director as an Arizona ~~veterans~~ VETERAN supportive campus. The department
8 ~~may~~ SHALL maintain a list of certified Arizona ~~veterans~~ VETERAN supportive
9 campuses on the department's website. The list shall include:

10 1. A link to the website of the campus.

11 2. A statement that this list does not contain all postsecondary
12 institutions that may qualify as an Arizona veteran supportive campus.

13 3. A disclaimer that the department has not verified the information
14 on the websites of the campuses listed pursuant to paragraph 1 of this
15 subsection and that the department does not endorse any offer made by any
16 sponsor of the website.

17 B. The department ~~may~~ SHALL make a reasonable effort to notify
18 postsecondary institutions and any other appropriate entities of the
19 opportunity to be certified as an Arizona veteran supportive campus.

20 C. On or before December 31 and June 30 of each year, each Arizona
21 veteran supportive campus shall forward a report to the department on the
22 number of veterans enrolled in ~~AND GRADUATING FROM~~ its campus.

23 D. For the purposes of this section, "Arizona veteran supportive
24 campus" means a postsecondary institution that offers:

25 1. A campus survey of student veterans to identify the needs, issues
26 and suggestions of veterans.

27 2. A campus steering committee consisting of student veterans, faculty
28 and staff to share information and to develop programs to establish or
29 strengthen a veteran supportive campus based on best practices but that also
30 integrates the campus culture and identifies the real needs of the student
31 veterans.

32 3. Sensitivity and awareness training on military and veterans'
33 culture, including related issues such as traumatic brain injury,
34 posttraumatic stress disorder, physical and mental disabilities, suicide and
35 hypervigilance for faculty and staff.

36 4. Student veteran orientation programs, including student veteran
37 guides for the first day on campus, an optional student veteran orientation
38 session and at least one optional veteran only course taught by a veteran or
39 by a trained volunteer on veteran issues.

40 5. Peer mentoring and peer support programs for student veterans.

41 6. Outreach strategies to local military bases.

42 7. One-stop resource and study centers on campus for student veterans,
43 their families and student family members of the armed forces who are
44 currently deployed.

45 8. Community-based collaborations to allow the private sector to
46 support veteran resource centers through financial and in-kind gifts.