

HOUSE BILL NO. 317

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR AWARDING CREDIT FOR LEARNING THROUGH MILITARY SERVICE AND TO SUBMIT THE CRITERIA TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR APPROVAL; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Awarding credit for military service -- policy.** (1) The commissioner may develop criteria for awarding academic credit at a postsecondary institution for a student's prior learning through military service and submit a proposed policy that incorporates those criteria to the board of regents for approval.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "postsecondary institution" has the meaning provided in 20-26-603.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 20, chapter 25, part 5, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 25, part 5, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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