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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2354**

Offered January 23, 2015

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 16 of Title 23 an article numbered 2.1, consisting of a section numbered 23-220.5, relating to the State Board for Community Colleges; policy for the award of academic credit for military training.*

Patrons—Yancey, Anderson, Cole, Cox, DeSteph, Greason, Helsel, Hugo, Ingram, Joannou, Lingamfelter, Mason, Miller, Rush, Stolle, Taylor and Villanueva

Referred to Committee on Education

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 16 of Title 23 an article numbered 2.1, consisting of a section numbered 23-220.5, as follows:**

*Article 2.1.**Award of Academic Credit for Military Training Applicable to the Student's Certificate of Degree Requirements.***§ 23-220.5. Policy for the award of academic credit for military training.**

A. *The State Board shall adopt a policy for the award of academic credit to any student enrolled in a comprehensive community college who has successfully completed a military training course or program as part of his military service that is applicable to the student's certificate of degree requirements and is:*

1. *Recommended for academic credit by a national higher education association that provides academic credit recommendations for military training courses or programs;*

2. *Noted on the student's military transcript issued by any of the armed forces of the United States;*

or

3. *Otherwise documented in writing by any of the armed forces of the United States.*

B. *The State Board shall:*

1. *Develop a procedure for each comprehensive community college to receive the documentation necessary to identify and verify the military training course or program for which the student has applied for academic credit; and*

2. *Develop, maintain, and disseminate to each comprehensive community college a list of military training courses and programs that it has deemed qualified for the award academic credit.*

C. *Each comprehensive community college shall provide a copy of the State Board's policy for the award of academic credit for military training courses or programs to each student applicant.*

**2. That the State Board for Community Colleges shall adopt a policy for the award of academic credit for military training pursuant to this act no later than December 31, 2015.**

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