

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1579

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES DAVIS (Sponsor), WHITE, BRATTIN, BROWN (116), FISHER,  
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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to educational credits for veterans.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 173.1158, to read as follows:

2 **173.1158. 1. By no later than January 1, 2013, the department of higher education**  
3 **and the coordinating board for higher education shall adopt a policy requiring every**  
4 **institution of postsecondary education, including but not limited to every university,**  
5 **college, vocational and technical school, in this state to award educational credits to a**  
6 **student enrolled in a postsecondary education institution, who is also a veteran, for courses**  
7 **that are part of the student's military training or service and that meet the standards of the**  
8 **American Council on Education or equivalent standards for awarding academic credit if**  
9 **the award of educational credit is based upon the institution's admission standards and its**  
10 **role, scope, and mission.**

11 **2. Beginning for the 2013-2014 academic year and for every academic year**  
12 **thereafter, the department of higher education and every governing body of an institution**  
13 **of postsecondary education in this state shall adopt necessary rules and procedures to**  
14 **implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is**  
15 **defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall**  
16 **become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter**  
**536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review,**  
18 **to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held**  
19 **unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted**  
20 **after August 28, 2012, shall be invalid and void.**

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