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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 282()

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES THOMAS, Feige, Saddler, Petersen, Austerman, Seaton, Gara, Pruitt

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to applying military education, training, and service credit to**
2 **occupational licensing and certain postsecondary education and employment training**
3 **requirements; providing for a temporary occupational license for qualified military**
4 **service members; and providing for an effective date."**

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 *** Section 1.** AS 08.01 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 **Sec. 08.01.064. Military education, training, and service credit; temporary**
8 **license.** (a) Notwithstanding another provision of law, the department or applicable
9 board shall accept military education, training, and service for some or all of the
10 qualifications otherwise required of an applicant for a license or certificate issued
11 under this chapter if

12 (1) the department or applicable board determines that the military
13 education, training, and service is substantially equivalent to some or all of the
14 qualifications otherwise required of an applicant for a license or certificate issued

1 under this chapter; and

2 (2) the applicant provides satisfactory evidence of successful
3 completion of the education, training, or service as a member of the armed forces of
4 the United States, the United States Reserves, the National Guard of any state, the
5 Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state.

6 (b) If the department issues temporary licenses or certificates as authorized by
7 the department or applicable board under AS 08.01.050(a)(9), the department or
8 applicable board shall issue a temporary license or certificate to a person who

9 (1) applies to the department or applicable board in a manner
10 prescribed by the department or board;

11 (2) meets the requirements in AS 08.01.063(a)(3) - (6); and

12 (3) while in the armed forces of the United States or any state, as
13 described in (a) of this section,

14 (A) held a current license or certificate in another state, district,
15 or territory of the United States, practiced in the area of the license or
16 certificate, and maintained the license or certificate in active status before and
17 at the time of application for a license or certificate under this subsection; or

18 (B) was awarded a degree, diploma, or certificate by a branch
19 of the armed forces of the United States or any state, as described in (a) of this
20 section, that met standards for an equivalent license or a certificate of technical
21 training.

22 (c) The department or applicable board shall expedite the procedure for
23 issuance of a license or certificate under (b) of this section for an applicant who is on
24 active duty.

25 (d) A license or certificate issued under (b) of this section is valid for 180 days
26 and may be extended at the discretion of the department or applicable board for one
27 additional 180-day period if the holder of the license or certificate applies for an
28 extension on a form approved by the department or applicable board.

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1 (c) The president of the University of Alaska shall implement a policy and
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3 offered by the university if an applicant provides satisfactory evidence of successful
4 completion of relevant military education, training, or service as a member of the
5 armed forces of the United States, the United States Reserves, the National Guard of
6 any state, the Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state.

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8 (b) A postsecondary educational institution must be maintained and operated,
9 or, in the case of a new institution must demonstrate that it can be maintained and
10 operated so that

11 (1) the quality and content of each course or program of instruction,
12 training, or study are such as may reasonably and adequately achieve the stated
13 objective for which the course or program is offered;

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19 students will receive education consistent with the objectives of the course or program
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25 concerning the institution and the program or course of instruction that are reasonably
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27 specified by the commission by regulation; and that this information is provided to
28 prospective students before enrollment;

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30 appropriate educational credentials by the institution, indicating that the course of
31 instruction or study has been satisfactorily completed by the student;

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2 attendance, progress, or grades, and that satisfactory standards are enforced relating to
3 attendance, progress, and performance;

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5 pertinent ordinances and laws relating to the safety and health of persons upon the
6 premises of the institution;

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8 commitments to students;

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10 collection, credit, or other practices which are false, deceptive, misleading, or unfair;

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12 administrators, supervisors, staff, and instructors of the institution are of good
13 reputation and character and have not been convicted of a violation of AS 14.48.020
14 or 14.48.150 or AS 45.50.471 - 45.50.561 or a comparable law in another state or
15 province;

16 (11) the student housing owned, maintained, or approved by the
17 institution is appropriate, safe, and adequate;

18 (12) the institution has a fair and equitable cancellation and refund
19 policy; [AND]

20 (13) the charges set by the institution for tuition, fees, books, and
21 supplies are fair and equitable; and

22 (14) the institution accepts military education, training, or service
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24 (A) the institution otherwise accepts transfer credits or
25 hours; and

26 (B) the credit or hours transfer process meets the
27 requirements of the accrediting body of the institution or the commission.

28 * Sec. 4. AS 23.15.820(a) is amended to read:

29 (a) The Alaska Workforce Investment Board shall

30 (1) administer the Alaska technical and vocational education program
31 established in AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850;

1 (2) facilitate the development of a statewide policy for a coordinated
2 and effective technical and vocational education training system in this state and, to
3 the extent authorized by federal and state law, plan and coordinate federal, state, and
4 local efforts in technical and vocational education programs;

5 (3) adopt regulations under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act)
6 to carry out the purposes of AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850, including regulations that set
7 standards for the percentage of a grant that may be used for administrative costs; the
8 regulations must clearly identify and distinguish between expenses that may be
9 included in administrative costs and those that may not be included in administrative
10 costs; the percentage allowed for administrative costs may not exceed the lesser of five
11 percent or the amount permitted under the requirements of a federal program, if
12 applicable;

13 (4) administer the grant program under AS 23.15.840 and establish
14 grant administration requirements including accounting procedures that apply to
15 qualified entities and their grantees;

16 **(5) facilitate the development and implementation of a statewide**
17 **policy and procedure that provides for the acceptance of credit or hours toward a**
18 **degree or technical program offered by a vocational or technical training center**
19 **in the state for an applicant who provides satisfactory evidence of successful**
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21 **armed forces of the United States, the United States Reserves, the National**
22 **Guard of any state, the Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any**
23 **state.**

24 * Sec. 5. The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
25 read:

26 MILITARY EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND SERVICE CREDIT: TRANSITION.
27 The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development and applicable
28 boards may immediately adopt regulations necessary to implement AS 08.01.064, added by
29 sec. 1 of this Act, except that the effective date of the regulations may not be earlier than the
30 effective date of secs. 1 - 4 of this Act.

31 * Sec. 6. Sections 1 - 4 of this Act take effect December 31, 2012.

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* **Sec. 7.** Section 5 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred to Committee: January 30, 2012

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 1/30/12

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 282

HOUSE BILL NO. 282

"An Act relating to applying military education, training, and service credit to occupational licensing and certain postsecondary education and employment training requirements; and providing for a temporary occupational license for qualified military service members."

HB 282-MILITARY TRAINING CREDIT/TEMP. LICENSE

Recommends it be replaced with HCS or CS for HB 282 (FND)
 For Senate Bills with new title: Technical Title New Title: HCR _____ Same Title New Title

- attach amendments
- add new referral to _____ Committee
- Letter of Intent _____ Committee

- List of Abbrev for Depts.:
- ADM
 - CED
 - COR
 - CRT
 - EED
 - DEC
 - DFG
 - GOV
 - DHS
 - LWF
 - LAW
 - LEG
 - MVA
 - DNR
 - DPS
 - REV
 - DOT
 - UA

NEW FISCAL NOTES				
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	CED	✓		

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTES				
FN#	List by Dept(s):	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero
1	EED			✓
2	LWF			✓
3	UA			✓

<u>Signing with recommendations</u>	Printed Last Name	DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Anna J. Fairclough</i>	FAIRCLOUGH	✓			
<i>Gara</i>	Gara	✓			
<i>Tammie Wilson</i>	T. WILSON	✓			
<i>Neuman</i>	NEUMAN	✓			
<i>Joule</i>	Joule	✓			
<i>Costello</i>	COSTELLO	✓			
<i>Edgman</i>	Edgman	✓			
<i>Doean</i>	DOEAN	✓			
Chair: <i>Thomas</i>	Thomas	✓			
Chair: <i>Stolte</i>	STOLTE	✓			

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version CSHB 282 (FIN)
 Fiscal Note Number _____
 () Publish Date _____

Identifier (file name) HB282-DCCED-CBPL-01-30-12 Dept. Affected DCCED
 Title Military Training Credit/Temp. License Appropriation Corps, Bus & Professional Licensing
 Allocation Corps, Bus & Professional Licensing
 Sponsor Representative Thomas
 Requester House Rules OMB Component Number 2360

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY13	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Travel	28.1		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services	5.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	33.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002	Federal Receipts							
1003	GF Match							
1004	GF							
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1037	GF/MH (UGF)							
1156	Rcpt Svcs (DGF)	33.1						
TOTAL		33.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES

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Estimated **SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12)** operating costs _____ (separate supplemental appropriation required;
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated **CAPITAL (FY13)** costs _____ (separate capital appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

This fiscal note reflects costs associated with the changes made by the House Finance Committee including changing the effective date from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2012.

Prepared by Don Habeger, Director
 Division Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
 Approved by JoEllen Hanrahan, Director Administrative Services
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 Date 1/31/2012

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 282 (FIN)

Analysis

HB 282 would require the department or board to accept relevant experience, training, or service acquired while serving in the armed forces for professional licensing. The bill would allow greater flexibility for those exiting military service to become temporarily licensed in Alaska.

An implementation deadline of December 31, 2012, would require six of the nine affected boards to schedule additional meetings before October 1 in order to meet the requirements of this bill. It is expected that each of the affected boards will need two meetings to deliberate the topic, confer with content experts including the Department of Defense, draft and approve regulations before the public comment period, and consider public comment before approving final regulations. This fiscal note reflects the travel costs for board members to travel to these meetings. The department will make every effort to schedule additional meetings via teleconference when feasible.

Services include additional funding for a contract to accomplish facilitation and drafting of regulations by the deadline.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version CSHB 282(EDC)
 Fiscal Note Number 3
 (H) Publish Date 1/30/12

Identifier (file name) HB282-UA-SYSBRA-01-27-12 Dept. Affected University of Alaska
 Title Military Training Credit/Temp. License Appropriation Budget Reductions/Additions-Systemwide
 Allocation Budget Reductions/Additions-Systemwide
 Sponsor REPRESENTATIVE(s) THOMAS, Feige, Saddler
 Requester House Education OMB Component Number 1296

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY13	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants, Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002	Federal Receipts						
1003	GF Match						
1004	GF						
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)						
1037	GF/MH (UGF)						
1178	temp code (UGF)						
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES							

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs _____ (separate supplemental appropriation required)
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 Division University of Alaska
 Approved by Michelle Rizk

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FISCAL NOTE #3

STATE OF ALASKA
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 282(EDC)

Analysis

HB282 will not have a fiscal impact on the University of Alaska (UA).

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version CSHB 282(EDC)
 Fiscal Note Number 2
 (H) Publish Date 1/30/12

Identifier (file name) HB282-DOLWD-WIB-1-20-12 Dept. Affected Labor and Workforce Development
 Title Military Training Credit/Temp. License Appropriation Business Partnerships
 Allocation Workforce Investment Board
 Sponsor Representative Thomas
 Requester House Education OMB Component Number 2659

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY13	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants, Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)					
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1003	GF Match						
1004	GF						
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1037	GF/MH (UGF)						
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TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS							
Full-time							
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Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES							

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Not applicable, initial version.

Prepared by Jeff Selvey, Executive Director, Workforce Investment Board
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 Approved by Click Bishop, Commissioner
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 Date 1/20/2012

FISCAL NOTE #2

STATE OF ALASKA
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 282(EDC)

Analysis

The proposed legislation requires the Workforce Investment Board to facilitate a statewide policy to determine credit towards a degree or program offered by a vocational or technical center in the state of Alaska for a member of the nation's armed forces. This will be conducted via teleconferences between the state's applicable training center organizations.

There is no fiscal impact to the department as a result of this legislation.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version CSHB 282(EDC)
 Fiscal Note Number 1
 (H) Publish Date 1/30/12

Identifier (file name) HB282-ACPE-EED-01-20-12 Dept. Affected Education
 Title Military Training Credit Appropriation ACPE
 Allocation Program Administration & Operations
 Sponsor Representative Thomas
 Requester (H)EDC OMB Component Number 2738

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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CHANGE IN REVENUES							

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FISCAL NOTE #1

STATE OF ALASKA
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 282(EDC)

Analysis

This bill, as it relates to the Commission, directs the Commission to require authorized institutions to accept military education, training, or service for program credit under specified conditions. There are no associated increased costs to the Commission to develop, through regulation, guidelines for authorized institutions to equate military education, training, or service for credit. The Commission would implement by providing due notice to Alaska institutions and including this requirement within its institutional authorization compliance review program.

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 14 or 14.48.150 or AS 45.50.471 - 45.50.561 or a comparable law in another state or
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2 and effective technical and vocational education training system in this state and, to
3 the extent authorized by federal and state law, plan and coordinate federal, state, and
4 local efforts in technical and vocational education programs;

5 (3) adopt regulations under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act)
6 to carry out the purposes of AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850, including regulations that set
7 standards for the percentage of a grant that may be used for administrative costs; the
8 regulations must clearly identify and distinguish between expenses that may be
9 included in administrative costs and those that may not be included in administrative
10 costs; the percentage allowed for administrative costs may not exceed the lesser of five
11 percent or the amount permitted under the requirements of a federal program, if
12 applicable;

13 (4) administer the grant program under AS 23.15.840 and establish
14 grant administration requirements including accounting procedures that apply to
15 qualified entities and their grantees;

16 **(5) facilitate the development and implementation of a statewide**
17 **policy and procedure that provides for the acceptance of credit or hours toward a**
18 **degree or technical program offered by a vocational or technical training center**
19 **in the state for an applicant who provides satisfactory evidence of successful**
20 **completion of relevant military education, training, or service as a member of the**
21 **armed forces of the United States, the United States Reserves, the National**
22 **Guard of any state, the Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any**
23 **state.**

24 * **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
25 read:

26 MILITARY EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND SERVICE CREDIT: TRANSITION.
27 The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development and applicable
28 boards may immediately adopt regulations necessary to implement AS 08.01.064, added by
29 sec. 1 of this Act, except that the effective date of the regulations may not be earlier than the
30 effective date of secs. 1 - 4 of this Act.

31 * **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 - 4 of this Act take effect December 31, 2012.

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* **Sec. 7.** Section 5 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 282(EDC)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES THOMAS, Feige, Saddler, Petersen, Austerman

A BILL
FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to applying military education, training, and service credit to
2 occupational licensing and certain postsecondary education and employment training
3 requirements; providing for a temporary occupational license for qualified military
4 service members; and providing for an effective date."

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 * **Section 1.** AS 08.01 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 **Sec. 08.01.064. Military education, training, and service credit; temporary**
8 **license.** (a) Notwithstanding another provision of law, the department or applicable
9 board shall accept military education, training, and service for some or all of the
10 qualifications otherwise required of an applicant for a license or certificate issued
11 under this chapter if

12 (1) the department or applicable board determines that the military
13 education, training, and service is equivalent to some or all of the qualifications
14 otherwise required of an applicant for a license or certificate issued under this chapter;

1 and

2 (2) the applicant provides satisfactory evidence of successful
3 completion of the education, training, or service as a member of the armed forces of
4 the United States, the United States Reserves, the National Guard of any state, the
5 Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state.

6 (b) If the department issues temporary licenses or certificates as authorized by
7 the department or applicable board under AS 08.01.050(a)(9), the department or
8 applicable board shall issue a temporary license or certificate to a person who

9 (1) applies to the department or applicable board in a manner
10 prescribed by the department or board;

11 (2) meets the requirements in AS 08.01.063(a)(3) - (6); and

12 (3) while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any
13 state, as described in (a) of this section,

14 (A) held a current license or certificate in another state, district,
15 or territory of the United States, practiced in the area of the license or
16 certificate, and maintained the license or certificate in active status before and
17 at the time of application for a license or certificate under this subsection; or

18 (B) was awarded a diploma or certificate by a branch of the
19 armed forces of the United States or any state, as described in (a) of this
20 section, that met standards for an equivalent license or a certificate of technical
21 training.

22 (c) The department or applicable board shall expedite the procedure for
23 issuance of a license or certificate under (b) of this section for an applicant who is on
24 active duty.

25 (d) A license or certificate issued under (b) of this section is valid for 180 days
26 and may be extended at the discretion of the department or applicable board for one
27 additional 180-day period if the holder of the license or certificate applies for an
28 extension on a form approved by the department or applicable board.

29 (e) The department or applicable board may adopt regulations necessary to
30 implement this section.

31 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.40.210 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1 (c) The president of the University of Alaska shall implement a policy and
2 procedure for the acceptance of academic credit toward a degree or technical program
3 offered by the university if an applicant provides satisfactory evidence of successful
4 completion of relevant military education, training, or service as a member of the
5 armed forces of the United States, the United States Reserves, the National Guard of
6 any state, the Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state.

7 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.48.060(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) A postsecondary educational institution must be maintained and operated,
9 or, in the case of a new institution must demonstrate that it can be maintained and
10 operated so that

11 (1) the quality and content of each course or program of instruction,
12 training, or study are such as may reasonably and adequately achieve the stated
13 objective for which the course or program is offered;

14 (2) the institution has or has access to adequate space, equipment,
15 instructional materials, and personnel where applicable to achieve the stated objective
16 of the course or program of study and to provide education of good quality;

17 (3) the education or experience qualifications of directors,
18 administrators, supervisors, and instructors are such as may reasonably ensure that the
19 students will receive education consistent with the objectives of the course or program
20 of study;

21 (4) the institution provides a catalog or brochure containing
22 information describing the programs offered, program objectives, length of program,
23 schedule of tuition, fees, and all other charges and expenses necessary for completion
24 of the course of study, cancellation and refund policies, and other material facts
25 concerning the institution and the program or course of instruction that are reasonably
26 likely to affect the decision of the student to enroll, together with any other disclosures
27 specified by the commission by regulation; and that this information is provided to
28 prospective students before enrollment;

29 (5) upon satisfactory completion of training, the student is given
30 appropriate educational credentials by the institution, indicating that the course of
31 instruction or study has been satisfactorily completed by the student;

1 (6) adequate records are maintained by the institution to show
2 attendance, progress, or grades, and that satisfactory standards are enforced relating to
3 attendance, progress, and performance;

4 (7) the institution is maintained and operated in compliance with all
5 pertinent ordinances and laws relating to the safety and health of persons upon the
6 premises of the institution;

7 (8) the institution is financially sound and capable of fulfilling its
8 commitments to students;

9 (9) neither the institution nor its agents engage in advertising, sales,
10 collection, credit, or other practices which are false, deceptive, misleading, or unfair;

11 (10) the chief executive officer, trustees, directors, owners,
12 administrators, supervisors, staff, and instructors of the institution are of good
13 reputation and character and have not been convicted of a violation of AS 14.48.020
14 or 14.48.150 or AS 45.50.471 - 45.50.561 or a comparable law in another state or
15 province;

16 (11) the student housing owned, maintained, or approved by the
17 institution is appropriate, safe, and adequate;

18 (12) the institution has a fair and equitable cancellation and refund
19 policy; [AND]

20 (13) the charges set by the institution for tuition, fees, books, and
21 supplies are fair and equitable; and

22 (14) the institution accepts military education, training, or service
23 credit or hours toward a degree or technical program offered by the institution if

24 (A) the institution otherwise accepts transfer credits or
25 hours; and

26 (B) the credit or hours transfer process meets the
27 requirements of the accrediting body of the institution or the commission.

28 * Sec. 4. AS 23.15.820(a) is amended to read:

29 (a) The Alaska Workforce Investment Board shall

30 (1) administer the Alaska technical and vocational education program
31 established in AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850;

1 (2) facilitate the development of a statewide policy for a coordinated
 2 and effective technical and vocational education training system in this state and, to
 3 the extent authorized by federal and state law, plan and coordinate federal, state, and
 4 local efforts in technical and vocational education programs;

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 14 grant administration requirements including accounting procedures that apply to
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 29 by sec. 1 of this Act, except that the effective date of the regulations may not be earlier than
 30 the effective date of secs. 1 - 4 of this Act.

31 * Sec. 6. Sections 1 - 4 of this Act take effect December 31, 2013.

1 * **Sec. 7.** Section 5 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).



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Summary of Changes HB 282 (FIN)

Page 1, Line 13

ADD: "Substantially"

- Reads "substantially equivalent" to provide department increased objectivity when assessing

Page 2, Line 12

DELETE: "while on active duty"

- Broadens training that can be recognized by the Department

Page 2, Line 18

ADD: degree

- Will recognize a degree from an accredited military institution.

Page 5, Line 28

DELETE: "promulgate"

REPLACE: "adopt"

Page 5, Sec. 6

ADD: Effective date of Dec. 31, 2012



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Sectional CSHB 282 (EDC)

“An Act applying military education, training, and service credit to occupational licensing and certain postsecondary education requirements; and providing for a temporary occupational license for a qualified military service members.”

Section 1: Military education, training, and service credit; temporary license.

- (a) Credit will be given for military education and training to an applicant who is applying for an occupational license if determined by the applicable board.
- (b) Requires the department to issue a temporary license if the applicant meets current statutory requirements and while on active duty:
 - a. held a current license in another state and has maintained that license, or
 - b. holds an equivalent military license or certificate of technical training
- (c) Applications for active duty members who hold a current license will be expedited.
- (d) temporary licenses will be valid for 180 days and maybe extended once with the approval of the department

Sec. 2: Adds a new subsection: University of Alaska

- (c) The president of the University of Alaska shall implement a policy to accept academic credit toward a degree or technical program if an applicant provides satisfactory evidence of relevant military education, training or service.

Sec. 3: Adds a new subsection: Post-Secondary Education Commission

- (d)The commission shall implement policies and procedures that require a postsecondary education institution to accept academic credit toward a degree or technical program if an applicant provides satisfactory evidence of relevant military education, training or service.

Sec. 4: Adds a new subsection: Alaska Workforce Investment Board

- (5) The Alaska Workforce Investment Board shall implement a statewide policy that requires a vocational training center to accept academic credit toward a degree if an applicant provides satisfactory evidence of relevant military education, training or service.

Sec. 5: Adds a new Subsection:

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development may promulgate regulations immediately.

Sec. 6.

Sections 1-4 regulations take effect December 31, 2013

Sec. 7.

Section 5 takes effect immediately



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Summary of Changes HB 282

Page 1, Line 9

DELETE: Relevant

Page 1, Paragraph (a)

SECTION REORGANIZED

ADDS SUBSECTION 1: "the department or applicable board determines that education, training, and service is equivalent to some or all of the qualifications otherwise required of an applicant for a license or certificate issued under this chapter:"

-stronger/clearer language

ADDS SECTION 2: "The applicant provides satisfactory evidence of successful completion of the education, training, or service as a member of the armed forces of the United States, the United States Reserves, the National Guard of any state, the Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state."

-restates language from Section 1 of version B which deals w/ occupations who issue temporary licenses.

Page 2, Paragraph (b)- ADDS: citation AS 08.01.050(a)(9)

Page 2, Line 11

ADDS: citation for subparagraphs 2-5

-Language refers licensing practices already in statute

Page 2, Subparagraph (A)

ADDS: maintained the license or certification in active status before and at the time of application

-Makes clear that the license needs to be current when they apply for a temporary license.

Page 2, Subparagraph (B)

REWORDED TO: "was awarded a diploma or certificate by a branch of the armed forces of the United States or any state, as described in (a) of this section, that met standards of an equivalent license or a certificate of technical training."

-Recognizes military certificates of technical training

Page 2, Paragraph (c)

ADDS: for an applicant who is on active duty

-Expedited licenses only apply to individuals who already hold a license and are on active duty.

Page 3, Line 12

DELETES: paragraph (d)

-Was not appropriate guidance for the Postsecondary Education Commission.

Page 4, Paragraph (b)

ADDS: Institution accepts military education if the institution already accepts transfer credits and is approved by their accrediting body.

-Language suggested by the Postsecondary Education Commission.

-Protects the institution from jeopardizing their accreditation.

Page 5, Section 5-

ADDS- Guidance for DCCED and applicable boards to immediately promulgate necessary regulations.

Page 5, Section 6-

ADDS: Effective date of December 31, 2013 for section 1-4.

-Gives department time to research military training and promulgate regulations.

Page 6, Section 7-

ADDS: Immediately effective for Sec 5



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27. Nursing
28. Nursing Home Administrators
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30. Pawnbrokers
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34. Psychologist and Psychological Associate
35. Public Accountancy
36. Real Estate Appraisers
37. Real Estate Commission
38. Social Work Examiners
39. Underground Storage Tank Worker
40. Veterinary Examiners

HOUSEHOLD DATA

Table A-5. Employment status of the civilian population 18 years and over by veteran status, period of service, and sex, not seasonally adjusted

[Numbers in thousands]

Employment status, veteran status, and period of service	Total		Men		Women	
	Dec. 2010	Dec. 2011	Dec. 2010	Dec. 2011	Dec. 2010	Dec. 2011
VETERANS, 18 years and over						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	21,833	21,429	20,039	19,622	1,794	1,807
Civilian labor force.....	11,534	11,072	10,390	10,010	1,144	1,062
Participation rate.....	52.8	51.7	51.8	51.0	63.8	58.8
Employed.....	10,576	10,215	9,509	9,244	1,067	972
Employment-population ratio.....	48.4	47.7	47.5	47.1	59.5	53.8
Unemployed.....	957	857	881	766	77	90
Unemployment rate.....	8.3	7.7	8.5	7.7	6.7	8.5
Not in labor force.....	10,299	10,357	9,649	9,612	650	745
Gulf War-era II veterans						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	2,242	2,341	1,897	1,984	345	356
Civilian labor force.....	1,794	1,899	1,558	1,668	236	230
Participation rate.....	80.0	81.1	82.1	84.1	68.3	64.6
Employed.....	1,584	1,650	1,374	1,469	210	181
Employment-population ratio.....	70.7	70.5	72.4	74.1	60.8	50.7
Unemployed.....	210	248	184	199	26	50
Unemployment rate.....	11.7	13.1	11.8	11.9	10.9	21.6
Not in labor force.....	448	442	339	316	109	126
Gulf War-era I veterans						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	2,924	2,986	2,470	2,489	454	497
Civilian labor force.....	2,530	2,512	2,163	2,158	367	354
Participation rate.....	86.5	84.1	87.6	86.7	80.9	71.3
Employed.....	2,395	2,371	2,039	2,029	356	342
Employment-population ratio.....	81.9	79.4	82.5	81.5	78.5	68.8
Unemployed.....	136	141	125	128	11	13
Unemployment rate.....	5.4	5.6	5.8	6.0	3.0	3.6
Not in labor force.....	394	474	307	332	87	142
World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam-era veterans						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	10,796	10,207	10,448	9,886	348	321
Civilian labor force.....	3,847	3,309	3,718	3,215	129	94
Participation rate.....	35.6	32.4	35.6	32.5	37.2	29.3
Employed.....	3,516	3,097	3,395	3,003	122	94
Employment-population ratio.....	32.6	30.3	32.5	30.4	34.9	29.3
Unemployed.....	331	212	323	212	8	0
Unemployment rate.....	8.6	6.4	8.7	6.6	6.1	0.0
Not in labor force.....	6,949	6,898	6,730	6,671	219	227
Veterans of other service periods						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	5,871	5,895	5,224	5,262	647	633
Civilian labor force.....	3,362	3,352	2,951	2,969	412	383
Participation rate.....	57.3	56.9	56.5	56.4	63.6	60.5
Employed.....	3,081	3,097	2,701	2,742	380	355
Employment-population ratio.....	52.5	52.5	51.7	52.1	58.7	56.1
Unemployed.....	281	255	249	227	32	28
Unemployment rate.....	8.4	7.6	8.5	7.6	7.8	7.3
Not in labor force.....	2,508	2,543	2,273	2,293	235	250
NONVETERANS, 18 years and over						
Civilian noninstitutional population.....	208,058	210,477	91,143	92,807	116,915	117,670
Civilian labor force.....	139,806	140,627	70,228	71,182	69,578	69,446
Participation rate.....	67.2	66.8	77.1	76.7	59.5	59.0
Employed.....	127,220	129,218	63,082	65,018	64,138	64,200
Employment-population ratio.....	61.1	61.4	69.2	70.1	54.9	54.6
Unemployed.....	12,586	11,409	7,146	6,163	5,440	5,246
Unemployment rate.....	9.0	8.1	10.2	8.7	7.8	7.6
Not in labor force.....	68,252	69,850	20,915	21,625	47,338	48,225

NOTE: Veterans served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and were not on active duty at the time of the survey. Nonveterans never served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. Veterans could have served anywhere in the world during these periods of service: Gulf War era II (September 2001-present), Gulf War era I (August 1990-August 2001), Vietnam era (August 1964-April 1975), Korean War (July 1950-January 1955), World War II (December 1941-December 1946), and other service periods (all other time periods). Veterans who served in more than one wartime period are classified only in the most recent one. Veterans who served during one of the selected wartime periods and another period are classified only in the wartime period. Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.

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Officer Basic Course (OBC). Upon commissioning, an officer is assigned a career branch in which the emphasis for training and development during the officer's first 7 to 8 years of active duty occurs. Graduates of all commissioning sources receive training in their assigned or detailed branch at an OBC immediately after commissioning. The OBC prepares newly commissioned officers for their first duty assignments with instruction on methods for training individuals, teams, squads and platoons. In addition, the course includes sufficient instruction to provide officers with an understanding of the environment of the company, battery or troop including tactics, organization and administration. Officers receive training on most lieutenant common and branch tasks in the OBC. There is no active duty service obligation for OBC attendance.

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Branch detail program. Upon commissioning, selected lieutenants branched Signal, Quartermaster, Ordnance, Transportation and Finance are detailed to a combat arms branch for 2 years. Selected Military Intelligence and Adjutant General officers are detailed for 4 years. Lieutenants under the branch detail program attend the OBC and participate in branch specific training for the branch to which they are detailed. On completing the 2-year detail, officers attend a 4-week branch transition course before they return to their designated branch. Officers in the 4-year program receive transition branch training in conjunction with their enrollment in the Captains Career Course. All officers continue to participate in branch specific training once they are reassigned back to their designated branches.

Captains Career Course. The branch Captains Career Course prepares company grade officers to command and train at the company, battery or troop level and to serve as staff officers at battalion and brigade levels. There is a 1-year active duty service obligation for attendance at a branch Captains Career Course. The course is divided into two phases.

(1) The first phase provides advanced branch training and common core instruction. The branch specific courses provide selected company grade officers an opportunity to acquire the skills and attributes required to lead company-sized units and serve on battalion and brigade staffs. This instruction prepares students to:

- (a) Establish and maintain a disciplined command climate.
- (b) Execute the unit's assigned missions.
- (c) Command, control, lead, supervise, discipline, train, develop and mentor subordinate leaders and care for subordinates and their families.
- (d) Develop the unit's Mission Essential Task List (METL) and training plan.
- (e) Schedule, resource, supervise, execute and evaluate unit and sub-unit individual and collective training.
- (f) Plan, supervise and evaluate unit leader training and development, and personnel, administration, supply, maintenance, safety and security actions.
- (g) Plan, supervise, and evaluate the safe use, maintenance, security, storage and accountability of unit material.

(h) Administer the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) at the company level.

(i) Advise the battalion commander and staff on the status of company, platoon and squad-level training, equipment, and personnel readiness.

(2) The second phase provides staff process training. It uses battalion, brigade, division and installation scenarios to train officers to serve on battalion and brigade level staffs. It develops officers to function effectively as staff officers by improving their abilities to analyze and solve military problems, communicate, interact as staff members, and broaden their understanding of Army operations, organizations and procedures. This course is unique in that it provides an officer's first integrated instruction with officers from different branches of the Army. The phase provides the skills necessary for success in Army, joint and multinational environments.