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House of Representatives, February 21, 2013

An Act To Award Academic Credit to Service Members for Military Education, Experience and Training

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative VILLA of Harrison.
Cosponsored by Senator TUTTLE of York and
Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, CASSIDY of Lubec, COOPER of Yarmouth,
DICKERSON of Rockland, FOWLE of Vassalboro, MOONEN of Portland, PRINGLE of
Windham, TREAT of Hallowell.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10013** is enacted to read:

3 **§10013. Credit for military education, experience and training**

4 The University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the
5 Maine Maritime Academy shall each develop a system of prior learning assessment to
6 award academic credit in undergraduate programs to veterans or current members of the
7 United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, for experience,
8 education and training obtained during military service.

9 **Sec. 2. Report.** The University of Maine System, the Maine Community College
10 System and the Maine Maritime Academy shall each report to the joint standing
11 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by December 1,
12 2014 on progress in developing systems of prior learning assessment to award credit for
13 military education, experience and training in undergraduate programs to veterans or
14 current members of the United States Armed Forces pursuant to the Maine Revised
15 Statutes, Title 20-A, section 10013.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill requires the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College
18 System and the Maine Maritime Academy to each develop a system of prior learning
19 assessment to award academic credit to veterans or current members of the United States
20 Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, for relevant experience,
21 education and training obtained during military service. The University of Maine
22 System, the Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy are
23 directed to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
24 over education matters by December 1, 2014 on progress in implementing these systems.