

CHAPTER 326

AN ACT concerning military service members and veterans at public institutions of higher education and supplementing chapter 62 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.18A:62-4.3a Short title.

1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Combat to College Act.”

C.18A:62-4.3b Definitions relative to veterans given priority course registration to attend college.

2. a. As used in this section:

“Service member” means an individual who is serving on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard.

“Veteran” means an individual who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard, and who was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service.

- b. A service member or veteran who is living in New Jersey and attending a public institution of higher education shall be granted priority in registering for courses at the public institution of higher education. Priority course registration shall occur using the same procedures used by other segments of the student population, if any, that are offered priority registration by the institution.

3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to the first full academic year following the date of enactment.

Approved January 13, 2020.