

## CHAPTER 125

**AN ACT** establishing the Troops to College Program and supplementing chapter 3B 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:3B-41 Short title.

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

C.18A:3B-42 Establish of Troops to College Program.

2. a. The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, in consultation with the Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs, shall establish the Troops to College Program. The purpose of the program shall be to assist New Jersey’s public institutions of higher education in coordinating the provision of a comprehensive array of services to assist veterans in making the transition into the college classroom. The services may include, but need not be limited to, assistance in applying for State and federal student financial aid, counseling resources, a campus veterans’ assistance officer to provide a single point of contact for information on the institution’s benefits and programs for veterans, and an online resource to consolidate pertinent information specifically for veterans attending that institution.

b. The commission in implementing the Troops to College Program shall include on its Internet site information to assist veterans in accessing the higher education opportunities that exist in the State. The information shall include, but need not be limited to:

- (1) contact information for the campus veterans’ assistance officer at each of the public institutions of higher education; and
- (2) information on the array of programs and services available to veterans at each of the public institutions of higher education.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved September 13, 2009.