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Governor's Action: May 14, 2012, Signed

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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 2/2/2011 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 52](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2011%5C02-02-11.docx))

 2/2/2011 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 52](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2011%5C02-02-11.docx))

 2/7/2012 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Govan

 2/22/2012 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 4](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2012%5C02-22-12.docx))

 2/29/2012 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Harrell

 2/29/2012 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 105](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2012%5C02-29-12.docx))

 2/29/2012 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 105](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2012%5C02-29-12.docx))

 2/29/2012 House Roll call Yeas‑114 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 106](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2012%5C02-29-12.docx))

 3/1/2012 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 22](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2012%5C03-01-12.docx))

 3/6/2012 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2012%5C03-06-12.docx))

 3/6/2012 Senate Referred to Committee on **General** ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2012%5C03-06-12.docx))

 4/25/2012 Senate Polled out of committee **General** ([Senate Journal‑page 19](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2012%5C04-25-12.docx))

 4/25/2012 Senate Committee report: Favorable **General** ([Senate Journal‑page 19](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2012%5C04-25-12.docx))

 4/26/2012 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 72](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2012%5C04-26-12.docx))

 4/26/2012 Senate Roll call Ayes‑35 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 72](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2012%5C04-26-12.docx))

 5/1/2012 Senate Read third time and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 18](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2012%5C05-01-12.docx))

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 5/14/2012 Signed By Governor

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 25‑1‑2270 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO COMPLETE ASSIGNMENTS OR TAKE MAKE‑UP EXAMINATIONS WHEN AN ABSENCE IS CAUSED BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN MILITARY SERVICE, DUTY, TRAINING, OR DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Completion of missed exams and assignments due to military service**

SECTION 1. Article 17, Chapter 1, Title 25 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 25‑1‑2270. Upon notice from a student required to attend or participate in military service, duty, training, or disaster relief efforts, an institution of higher education which receives state funding, either directly or indirectly, including but not limited to state scholarships or grants, shall excuse the student from attending classes or engaging in other mandatory activities, including tests or examinations, in order for the student to fulfill his military obligations and associated military travel requirements. A student whose absence is excused pursuant to this section may not be penalized for his absence and must be allowed to complete all missed assignments or take missed tests or examinations within a reasonable time of his return from the military service, duty, training, or disaster relief efforts. Each of these institutions of higher education shall determine what constitutes a reasonable time to make up the assignments, tests, or examinations missed by reason of military service on a case by case basis, taking into account the individual student’s schedule and academic responsibilities. The provisions of this section must be liberally construed and shall apply in the same manner and without distinction to a student’s status as a member of the active component, reserve component, or National Guard.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 8th day of May, 2012.

Approved the 14th day of May, 2012.

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