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# Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee

**Monday, January 25, 2016**  
**1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
**102 HOB**  
**Action Packet**

**Steve Crisafulli**  
Speaker

**Elizabeth Porter**  
Chair

**Committee Meeting Notice**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee**

**Start Date and Time:** Monday, January 25, 2016 01:30 pm  
**End Date and Time:** Monday, January 25, 2016 03:30 pm  
**Location:** Reed Hall (102 HOB)  
**Duration:** 2.00 hrs

**Consideration of the following bill(s):**

HB 799 Out-of-State Fee Waivers for Active Duty Service Members by Avila  
HB 1157 Postsecondary Education for Veterans by Raburn  
HB 1359 Vocational Rehabilitation by Fresen

Pursuant to rule 7.12, the deadline for amendments to bills on the agenda by non-appointed members shall be 6:00 p.m., Friday, January 22, 2016.

By request of the Chair all committee members are asked to have amendments to bills on the agenda submitted to staff by 6:00 p.m., Friday, January 22, 2016.

**NOTICE FINALIZED on 01/21/2016 3:58PM by Gilliam.Ann**

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**  
**Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee**

**1/25/2016 1:30:00PM**

**Location:** Reed Hall (102 HOB)

**Summary:**

**Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee**

*Monday January 25, 2016 01:30 pm*

HB 799	Favorable	Yeas: 11	Nays: 0
HB 1157	Favorable With Committee Substitute	Yeas: 11	Nays: 0
	Amendment 205573 Adopted		
	Amendment 363733 Adopted		
HB 1359	Favorable	Yeas: 11	Nays: 0

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**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**  
**Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee**

**1/25/2016 1:30:00PM**

**Location:** Reed Hall (102 HOB)

**Attendance:**

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Elizabeth Porter (Chair)	X		
Robert Cortes	X		
Katie Edwards	X		
Julio Gonzalez	X		
James Grant	X		
Kristin Jacobs	X		
Dave Kerner	X		
W. Keith Perry			X
Rene Plasencia	X		
Jake Raburn	X		
Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda	X		
Ray Rodrigues	X		
Cyndi Stevenson			X
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

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**Florida House of Representatives**  
**Representative Cyndi Stevenson**  
District 17

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St. Augustine, FL 32084-8600  
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January 25, 2016

The Honorable Elizabeth Porter, Chair  
Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee  
313 House Office Building  
402 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear Chair Porter,

Two of my bills, HB 1371 and HB 1233, have been placed on the agendas of the Local Government Affairs Subcommittee and the Insurance and Banking Subcommittee, respectively. In order to present these bills, I respectfully request to be excused temporarily from the Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee for Monday, January 25, 2016. I will return to the committee following the presentation of these bills.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cyndi Stevenson".

Representative Cyndi Stevenson  
District 17

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**  
**Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee**

**1/25/2016 1:30:00PM**

**Location:** Reed Hall (102 HOB)

**HB 799 : Out-of-State Fee Waivers for Active Duty Service Members**

Favorable

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>No Vote</i>	<i>Absentee Yea</i>	<i>Absentee Nay</i>
Robert Cortes	X				
Katie Edwards	X				
Julio Gonzalez	X				
James Grant	X				
Kristin Jacobs	X				
Dave Kerner	X				
W. Keith Perry				X	
Rene Plasencia	X				
Jake Raburn	X				
Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda	X				
Ray Rodrigues	X				
Cyndi Stevenson			X		
Elizabeth Porter (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 11</b>		<b>Total Nays: 0</b>			

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**House of Representatives  
COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE BILL ACTION WORKSHEET**

**Committee/Subcommittee:** Higher ED & Workforce  
**Meeting Date:** 1-25-16  
**Place:** 102 HOB  
**Time:** 1:30 pm

**Bill Number:** HB 799  
**Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date Reported:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Subject:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Council/Committee Action:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Favorable                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Retained for Reconsideration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Favorable w/ _____ amendments                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reconsidered                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Favorable w/Committee/Subcommittee Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporarily Postponed        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Action: _____                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Unfavorable                  |

Final Vote On Bill		MEMBERS								
Yeas	Nays		Yeas	Nays	Yeas	Nays	Yeas	Nays	Yeas	Nays
✓		Chair Porter								
✓		Rep. Cortes								
✓		Rep. Edwards								
✓		Rep. Gonzalez								
✓		Rep. Grant								
✓		Rep. Jacobs								
✓		Rep. Kerner (turner)								
		Rep. Perry	Absentee Yea							
✓		Rep. Plasencia (Valencia)								
✓		Rep. Raburn								
✓		Rehwinkel Vasilinda								
✓		Rep. Rodrigues								
		Rep. Stevenson								
<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>
11	0									



**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**  
**Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee**

**1/25/2016 1:30:00PM**

**Location:** Reed Hall (102 HOB)

**HB 1157 : Postsecondary Education for Veterans**

*Favorable With Committee Substitute*

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Robert Cortes	X				
Katie Edwards	X				
Julio Gonzalez	X				
James Grant	X				
Kristin Jacobs	X				
Dave Kerner	X				
W. Keith Perry				X	
Rene Plasencia	X				
Jake Raburn	X				
Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda	X				
Ray Rodrigues	X				
Cyndi Stevenson			X		
Elizabeth Porter (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 11</b>		<b>Total Nays: 0</b>			

**HB 1157 Amendments**

**Amendment 205573**

*Adopted*

**Amendment 363733**

*Adopted*

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House of Representatives  
**COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE BILL ACTION WORKSHEET**

Committee/Subcommittee: Higher ED & Workforce  
 Meeting Date: 1-25-16  
 Place: 102 HDB  
 Time: 1:30 PM

Bill Number: HB 1157  
 Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Reported: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

**Council/Committee Action:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Favorable  | <input type="checkbox"/> Retained for Reconsideration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Favorable w/ _____ amendments                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Reconsidered                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Favorable w/Committee/Subcommittee Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporarily Postponed        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Action: _____                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Unfavorable                  |

Final Vote On Bill		MEMBERS	#1		#2					
Yea	Nay		Yeas	Nays	Yeas	Nays	Yeas	Nays	Yeas	Nays
✓		Chair Porter								
✓		Rep. Cortes								
✓		Rep. Edwards								
✓		Rep. Gonzalez								
✓		Rep. Grant								
✓		Rep. Jacobs								
✓		Rep. Kerner (turner)								
		Rep. Perry <i>absent via Adjutant</i>								
✓		Rep. Plasencia (Valencia)								
✓		Rep. Raburn								
✓		Rehwinkel Vasilinda								
✓		Rep. Rodrigues								
		Rep. Stevenson								
<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>
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Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<input type="checkbox"/> (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<input type="checkbox"/> (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<input type="checkbox"/> (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<input type="checkbox"/> (Y/N)
OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Higher Education &  
 2 Workforce Subcommittee  
 3 Representative Raburn offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove lines 16-39 and insert:

Section 1. Section 1004.096, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.096 College credit for military training and  
 education courses.—The Board of Governors shall adopt  
 regulations and the State Board of Education shall adopt rules  
 that enable eligible servicemembers or honorably discharged  
veterans ~~members~~ of the United States Armed Forces to earn  
 academic college credit at public postsecondary educational  
 institutions for college-level training and education acquired  
 in the military. The regulations and rules shall include  
 procedures for credential evaluation and the award of academic



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18 college credit, including, but not limited to, equivalency and  
19 alignment of military coursework with appropriate college  
20 courses, course descriptions, type and amount of college credit  
21 that may be awarded, and transfer of credit.

22 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 1007.27, Florida  
23 Statutes, is amended to read:

24 1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.—

25 (2) The Department of Education shall annually identify  
26 and publish the minimum scores, maximum credit, and course or  
27 courses for which credit is to be awarded for each College Level  
28 Examination Program (CLEP) subject examination, College Board  
29 Advanced Placement Program examination, Advanced International  
30 Certificate of Education examination, ~~and~~ International  
31 Baccalaureate examination, Excelsior College subject  
32 examination, Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education  
33 Support (DANTES) subject standardized test, and Defense Language  
34 Proficiency Test (DLPT). The department shall use student  
35 performance data in subsequent postsecondary courses to  
36 determine the appropriate examination scores and courses for  
37 which credit is to be granted. Minimum scores may vary by  
38 subject area based on available performance data. In addition,  
39 the department shall identify such courses in the general  
40 education core curriculum of each state university and Florida  
41 College System institution.

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**T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

Remove lines 3-5 and insert:  
Veterans; amending s. 1004.096, F.S.; specifying individuals who  
are eligible for college credit for college-level military  
training and education; amending s. 1007.27, F.S.; expanding the  
examinations for which the Department of Education is required  
to establish college credit equivalencies; amending



Amendment No. 2

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Y) <input type="checkbox"/> (N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<input type="checkbox"/> (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<input type="checkbox"/> (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<input type="checkbox"/> (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<input type="checkbox"/> (Y/N)
OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Higher Education &  
 2 Workforce Subcommittee  
 3 Representative Raburn offered the following:

**Amendment**

Remove lines 49-53 and insert:

7 (b) Is currently, or ~~and~~ was at the time of the military  
 8 action that resulted in the awarding of the Purple Heart or  
 9 other combat decoration superior in precedence, a resident of  
 10 this state; and

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**  
**Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee**

**1/25/2016 1:30:00PM**

**Location:** Reed Hall (102 HOB)

**HB 1359 : Vocational Rehabilitation**

Favorable

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Robert Cortes	X				
Katie Edwards	X				
Julio Gonzalez	X				
James Grant	X				
Kristin Jacobs	X				
Dave Kerner	X				
W. Keith Perry				X	
Rene Plasencia	X				
Jake Raburn	X				
Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda	X				
Ray Rodrigues	X				
Cyndi Stevenson			X		
Elizabeth Porter (Chair)	X				
<b>Total Yeas: 11</b>		<b>Total Nays: 0</b>			

**Appearances:**

King, Natalie (Lobbyist) - Waive In Support  
 The Diversity Initiative  
 VP  
 235 W Brandon Blvd Ste 640  
 Brandon FL 33511  
 Phone: 8139248218

Roberto, Steven - Waive In Support  
 FL Rehabilitation Advocacy Coalition  
 President  
 6315 Newtown Circle, Suite B2  
 Tampa FL 33615  
 Phone: 813-455-7724

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## House of Representatives COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE BILL ACTION WORKSHEET

Committee/Subcommittee: Higher ED & Workforce  
 Meeting Date: 1-25-14  
 Place: 102 HOB  
 Time: 1:30 pm

Bill Number: HB 1359  
 Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Reported: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

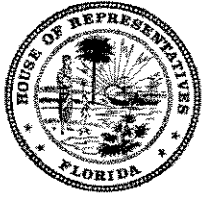
**Council/Committee Action:**

- Favorable
- Favorable w/ \_\_\_\_\_ amendments
- Favorable w/Committee/Subcommittee Substitute
- Other Action: \_\_\_\_\_

- Retained for Reconsideration
- Reconsidered
- Temporarily Postponed
- Unfavorable

Final Vote On Bill		MEMBERS								
Yea	Nay		Yeas	Nays	Yeas	Nays	Yeas	Nays	Yeas	Nays
✓		Chair Porter								
✓		Rep. Cortes								
✓		Rep. Edwards								
✓		Rep. Gonzalez								
✓		Rep. Grant								
✓		Rep. Jacobs								
✓		Rep. Kerner (turner)								
✓		Rep. Perry <span style="margin-left: 50px;"><i>absentee yea</i></span>								
✓		Rep. Plasencia (Valencia)								
✓		Rep. Raburn								
✓		Rehwinkel Vasilinda								
✓		Rep. Rodrigues								
✓		Rep. Stevenson								
Yeas	Nays	TOTALS	Yeas	Nays	Yeas	Nays	Yeas	Nays	Yeas	Nays
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### COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE APPEARANCE RECORD

Please fill out the entire form and submit two copies to the committee/subcommittee Administrative Assistant at the meeting.

*Type or Print Clearly*

Bill Number: 1359 Meeting Date: 1-25-16

*Fill in appropriate information:*

PCB/PCS/Amendment # or Presentation/Workshop Topic: Vocab Rehab

Committee/Subcommittee: Higher Education

Name: Natale King

Title: VP

Address: 235 W Brandon Blvd 640

City: Brandon State/Zip: FL 33511

Phone Number: 813 924 8218

Representing: The Diversity Initiative

Registered Lobbyist: YES  NO

State Employee: YES  NO

I Wish To Speak: YES  NO

I Have Been Requested to Speak: YES  NO

Bill		Amendment	
Proponent <input type="checkbox"/>	Opponent <input type="checkbox"/>	Proponent <input type="checkbox"/>	Opponent <input type="checkbox"/>
Info Only <input type="checkbox"/>		Info Only <input type="checkbox"/>	



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### COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE APPEARANCE RECORD

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Bill Number: 1359 Meeting Date: 1/25/16

Fill in appropriate information:

PCB/PCS/Amendment # or Presentation/Workshop Topic: VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Committee/Subcommittee: HIGHER EDUCATION WORKFORCE

Name: STEVEN ROBERTO

Title: PRESIDENT

Address: 6315 NEWTOWN CIRCLE SUITE B2

City: TAMPA State/Zip: FLORIDA/33615

Phone Number: 813-455-7724

Representing: FLORIDA REHABILITATION ADVOCACY COALITION

Registered Lobbyist: YES  NO

State Employee: YES  NO

I Wish To Speak: YES  NO

I Have Been Requested to Speak: YES  NO

Bill		Amendment	
Proponent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Opponent <input type="checkbox"/>	Proponent <input type="checkbox"/>	Opponent <input type="checkbox"/>
Info Only <input type="checkbox"/>		Info Only <input type="checkbox"/>	