HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION U

August 16, 2017, Introduced by Rep. Kosowski and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 5 and 6 of article VIII, to require public universities to establish an alternative admissions process for certain military veterans who were on active duty during the fall academic term.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to require public universities to establish an alternative admissions process for certain military veterans who were on active duty during the fall academic term, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

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1 ARTICLE VIII

2 Sec. 5. (1) The regents of the University of Michigan and 3 their successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known 4 as the Regents of the University of Michigan; the trustees of 5 Michigan State University and their successors in office shall 6 constitute a body corporate known as the Board of Trustees of 7 Michigan State University; the governors of Wayne State University and their successors in office shall constitute a body corporate 8 9 known as the Board of Governors of Wayne State University. Each 10 SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (2), EACH board shall have general 11 supervision of its institution and the control and direction of all 12 expenditures from the institution's funds. Each board shall, as 13 often as necessary, elect a president of the institution under its 14 supervision. He-THE PRESIDENT shall be the principal executive officer of the institution, be ex-officio a member of the board 15 without the right to vote, and preside at meetings of the board. 16 17 The board of each institution shall consist of eight members who 18 shall hold office for terms of eight years and who shall be elected 19 as provided by law. The governor shall fill board vacancies by 20 appointment. Each appointee shall hold office until a successor has 21 been nominated and elected as provided by law. 22 (2) THE LEGISLATURE SHALL REQUIRE BY LAW THAT EACH INSTITUTION 23 OF HIGHER EDUCATION REFERRED TO IN SUBSECTION (1) ESTABLISH AN 24 ADMISSIONS PROCESS BY WHICH AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES MAY APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO THE 25 26 INSTITUTION AS A FRESHMAN STUDENT ENROLLING IN THE ACADEMIC TERM 27 IMMEDIATELY SUCCEEDING A FALL ACADEMIC TERM IF THE VETERAN WAS ON

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- 1 ACTIVE DUTY DURING THE FALL ACADEMIC TERM.
- 2 Sec. 6. (1) Other institutions of higher education established
- 3 by law having authority to grant baccalaureate degrees shall each
- 4 be governed by a board of control which shall be a body corporate.
- 5 The SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (2), THE board shall have general
- 6 supervision of the institution and the control and direction of all
- 7 expenditures from the institution's funds. It shall, as often as
- 8 necessary, elect a president of the institution under its
- 9 supervision. He—THE PRESIDENT shall be the principal executive
- 10 officer of the institution and be ex-officio a member of the board
- 11 without the right to vote. The board may elect one of its members
- 12 or may designate the president, to preside at board meetings. Each
- 13 board of control shall consist of eight members who shall hold
- 14 office for terms of eight years, not more than two of which shall
- 15 expire in the same year, and who shall be appointed by the governor
- 16 by and with the advice and consent of the senate. Vacancies shall
- 17 be filled in like manner.
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- 19 OF HIGHER EDUCATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) ESTABLISH AN
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- 23 IMMEDIATELY SUCCEEDING A FALL ACADEMIC TERM IF THE VETERAN WAS ON
- 24 ACTIVE DUTY DURING THE FALL ACADEMIC TERM.
- 25 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
- 26 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election
- 27 in the manner provided by law.