

HB 3134 -- POST COMMISSION CREDIT FOR MILITARY TRAINING

SPONSOR: Williams

This bill establishes within the Department of Public Safety the "Missouri Green-to-Blue Bridge Program". Under the Program, reserve or active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard who have earned a diploma from the United States Army Military Police School (USAMPS) with a Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 31A or 31B and who have successfully completed One Station Unit Training (OSUT) will receive Missouri Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) credit.

The POST Commission establishes the Missouri Green-to-Blue Bridge Program of instruction consisting of certain peace officer training courses for persons qualified to receive credit. The instruction Program provides sufficient hour and point requirements that qualify a person to sit for the Missouri POST examination. The Program can also seek to fulfill Department of Defense requirements and reciprocity conditions involving the transfer of civilian training to military applications.

A valid diploma from USAMPS issued within three years exempts persons who qualify under the maximum amount of redundant training requirements for general law enforcement and related tasks. Such tasks are considered mastered during successful completion of the published USAMPS curriculum standards. If the person directly serves on active duty after earning his or her diploma from USAMPS, the three-year period starts from the date of his or her first honorable discharge after the diploma is issued, as long as the person remains serving in the MOS 31A or 31B.

The POST Commission must regularly consult the Missouri Army National Guard provost marshal to review and ensure the Missouri Green-to-Blue curriculum maximizes credit granted for training completed at USAMPS, with an emphasis on the subjects of firearms, defensive tactics, medical training, criminal investigation, and driver training.

The Department of Public Safety promulgates all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of the Program.