

**BILL SUMMARY**  
**Senate Bill 776, Printer's No. 789**  
**Prime Sponsor: Stack**

**SUMMARY:**

This legislation would allow a service member returning from a deployment to meet the educational requirements in place when he or she was deployed, should those degree requirements change during the deployment. Service members would be able to choose to fulfill the original degree requirements or the post-deployment degree requirements.

**EXISTING LAW:**

This bill amends Title 51 (Military). Existing law protects members of the military from losing tuition, credits, grants or scholarships earned when they are called to active duty, but it does not ensure that degree requirements under which they enter continue to govern them after they return from a deployment.

**ANALYSIS:**

By law, colleges and universities must protect service members from suffering any harm in their educational career or profession during their deployment. This bill will further ensure that soldier-students are not penalized by their deployment should degree requirements change when they are deployed. The bill would also require colleges and universities to notify their military students of these protections.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This bill would take effect in 60 days.