



# Resolution 19-14

For

## MNGEA / EANGUS Resolutions Process

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Category- Joint

Type Resolution - Change to 17-5

Relating To – 2015 MRCMRC Recommendation 11, Service Member Education

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** Current regulation reduced eligibility to transfer Post 9-11/GI Bill education incentives to Soldiers with less than 16 year of service.

**BUSINESS CASE:** Previous eligibility standards only required Soldiers to have a remaining 4 years of service obligation or have reached 20 years of service to transfer benefits. Latest DoD policy changed that requirement to only allow Soldiers with less than 16 years of service to transfer benefits. For Soldiers that enlist at 17 years of age, this policy means that those Soldiers would have to have at the age of 33 or younger to be eligible to transfer this earned benefit. The new regulations deems that these Soldiers would be ineligible to pass earned benefits on to any children they had after the age of 33. This legislation has a potential to fall within an age-discrimination category.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Request members of the MN CODEL to sponsor a bill to enact legislation to establish the earned benefit of Post 9-11/GI Bill transferability requirements to current contract plus and additional commitment of 2 years of service to provide stronger retention incentives. At 20 years of service, the 2 years of service requirement would be eliminated. Soldiers with 20 years of more of service are able to transfer this earned benefit at any time while still serving. Additionally, it would continue the housing stipend allowed for dependents.

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