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H.B. No. 4617

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the requirements for an electronic system to monitor
3 tuition and fee exemptions for veterans and military personnel and
4 their dependents.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 434.00791(b), Government Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (b) The commission shall ensure a system to electronically
9 monitor the use of tuition and fee exemptions at institutions of
10 higher education under Section 54.341, Education Code, is
11 developed. The system must allow the commission to electronically
12 receive, for each semester, the following information from
13 institutions of higher education:

14 (1) the name of the institution;

15 (2) the name, identification number, and date of birth
16 of each individual attending the institution and receiving benefits
17 for the semester under Section 54.341, Education Code;

18 (3) for each individual receiving benefits, the number
19 of credit hours for which the individual received an exemption for
20 the semester;

21 (4) for each individual receiving benefits at the
22 institution during the semester, the total cumulative number of
23 credit hours for which the individual has received an exemption at
24 the institution; [~~and~~]

1 (5) copies of any documentation required from an
2 individual attending the institution for the receipt of benefits
3 for the semester; and

4 (6) any other information required by the commission.

5 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply
6 beginning with the 2023 fall semester.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.