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H.B. No. 591

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to public school admission of military personnel and dependents under reciprocity agreements between states.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.005, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 25.005. RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS REGARDING MILITARY PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS. (a) To facilitate the transfer of military personnel and their dependents to and from the public schools of this state, the agency shall [~~may~~] pursue reciprocity agreements with other states governing the terms of those transfers.

(b) A reciprocity agreement must:

(1) address procedures for:

(A) transferring student records;

(B) [~~(2) address procedures for~~] awarding credit for completed course work; and

(C) permitting a student to satisfy the requirements of Section 39.025 through successful performance on comparable exit-level assessment instruments administered in another state; and

(2) [~~(3)~~] include appropriate criteria developed by the agency.

SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2004, the Texas

1 Education Agency shall report the results of its efforts to enter  
2 into reciprocity agreements in compliance with Section 25.005,  
3 Education Code, as amended by this Act, to the presiding officers of  
4 the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations  
5 and the House of Representatives Committee on Defense Affairs and  
6 State-Federal Relations.

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, 2003.