

Amend **CSSB 774** (committee printing) as follows:

(1) Add a new SECTION to the bill to read as follows and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter F, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.3041 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.3041. AWARD OF COURSE CREDIT FOR MILITARY TRAINING.

(a) In this section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) An institution of higher education shall consider, in determining whether to award to a student course credit toward a degree offered by the institution for the student's completion of certain military training:

(1) any official military record presented to the institution by the student that:

(A) describes the substance of the training completed by the student; and

(B) verifies the student's successful completion of that training; and

(2) whether the substance of that training satisfies the purpose of the course for which the student seeks credit as described in the institution's course catalog.

(c) This section applies to a student who has completed certain military training regardless of whether the student is exempt from the payment of any dues, fee or charges under Section 54.203(a).

(2) Amend SECTION 3 of the bill to read as follows and renumber the SECTION appropriately:

SECTION _____. (a) The change in law made by this Act to Chapter 51, Education Code, takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

(b) The change in law made by this Act to Section 54.203, Education Code, takes effect September 1, 2005.