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H.B. No. 2461

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishing a program to provide child-care assistance to certain military personnel.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 302.0047 to read as follows:

Sec. 302.0047. CHILD-CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN MILITARY FAMILIES. (a) The commission by rule shall develop and administer a program under which child-care assistance is provided to eligible military personnel called to active duty overseas.

(b) To be eligible to receive child-care assistance under the program, a person must:

(1) have a child who is younger than 13 years of age;

(2) be a member of:

(A) the Texas National Guard called to federal active duty overseas; or

(B) a reserve component of the United States armed forces called to active duty overseas; and

(3) have a median household income that is not greater than 75 percent of the median state household income for the most recent year for which statistics are available.

(c) A person is ineligible for child-care assistance under the program if the person receives child-care assistance from the United States military.

1 (d) A person whose child is receiving subsidized child-care
2 services under a program administered by the commission or a local
3 workforce development board before the date the person is called to
4 active duty overseas is eligible only for child-care assistance
5 under the program for the cost of any additional child care provided
6 to the child that results as a consequence of the person's call to
7 active duty.

8 (e) Child-care assistance may be provided under the program
9 only until the earlier of:

10 (1) the date the recipient is no longer serving on
11 active duty overseas; or

12 (2) the date the recipient's youngest child reaches
13 the age of 13.

14 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
15 of this Act, the Texas Workforce Commission shall adopt rules to
16 implement Section 302.0047, Labor Code, as added by this Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.