BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law, as provided by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), protects the jobs of reserve and guard members who are deployed to active duty until they return for up to 60 months. Under this law, Texas must ensure the reemployment rights of Texas guard members who work in Texas. However, USERRA does not extend those reemployment rights to persons who serve in the military forces of another state and work in Texas.

S.B. 311 allows Texas employees to retain their jobs while serving in the military forces of another state.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 431.006(a), Government Code, to prohibit a private employer from terminating the employment of a member of the state military forces of this state or of any other state because the employee is ordered to authorized training or duty by proper authority.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or the 91st day after adjournment.