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TO: Honorable Geanie Morrison, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB309 by Van de Putte (Relating to the requirement that a career school or college adopt a refund policy for students called to active military service.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill requires that career schools and colleges must adopt a refund policy or provide alternate solutions for those students who are called for active military duty. As a condition to receiving a certificate of approval or renewal of a certificate, each school must maintain, and include in its catalogue and enrollment contract, a student withdrawal policy for those students who have been called to active duty in a United States military service or in the Texas National Guard; (1) a pro rata refund of any tuition, fees, or other charges paid by the student in advance of the withdrawal; (2) a grade of incomplete with the designation "withdrawn-military" for the courses in the program, other than courses in the program for which the student has previously received a grade on the student's transcript; or (3) the assignment of an appropriate final grade or credit for the course if the instructor determines that the student has satisfactorily completed at least 90% of the coursework for the program; and demonstrated sufficient mastery of the program material to receive credit for completing the program. The bill would be implemented within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 320 Texas Workforce Commission, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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