

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Leticia Van de Putte, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

**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 Introduced**

**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 refund of any tuition, fees, or other charges paid by the student for the course; (2) a grade of incomplete with the designation "withdrawn-military" for the course on the student's transcript, and the right to re-enroll in the course not later than the first anniversary of the date the student is discharged; or (3) the assignment of an appropriate final grade or credit for the course if the instructor determines that the student has satisfactorily completed a substantial portion of the coursework; and demonstrated sufficient mastery of the course material to receive credit for completing the course. 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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