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H.B. No. 269

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 269:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to the award of course credit to a student at a public
3 institution of higher education for the completion of military
4 service.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 51.3042 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 51.3042. AWARD OF COURSE CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE.

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

11 (b) An institution of higher education shall award to an
12 undergraduate student who is admitted to the institution, including
13 a student who is readmitted under Section 51.9242, course credit
14 for all physical education courses required by the institution for
15 an undergraduate degree and for additional semester credit hours,
16 not to exceed 12, that may be applied to satisfy any elective course
17 requirements for the student's degree program for courses outside
18 the student's major or minor if the student:

19 (1) graduated from a public or private high school in
20 this state accredited by a generally recognized accrediting
21 organization or from a high school operated by the United States
22 Department of Defense; and

23 (2) is an honorably discharged former member of the
24 armed forces of the United States who:

1 (A) completed at least two years of service in
2 the armed forces; or

3 (B) was discharged because of a disability.

4 (c) This section does not prohibit an institution of higher
5 education from awarding additional course credit for a student's
6 military service as the institution considers appropriate.

7 (d) An institution of higher education may adopt rules
8 requiring reasonable proof from a student of the fact and duration
9 of the student's military service and of the student's military
10 discharge status.

11 SECTION 2. Section 51.3042, Education Code, as added by
12 this Act, applies to a student attending an institution of higher
13 education, without regard to whether the student was admitted to
14 the institution before the effective date of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.