

By: Veasey

H.B. No. 1502

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to tuition exemptions at public institutions of higher
3 education for dependents of certain military personnel deployed in
4 combat zones.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 54.058, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:

8 (k) An institution of higher education shall exempt from the
9 payment of tuition a dependent child, including a stepchild, of a
10 member of the Armed Forces of the United States for a semester or
11 other academic term during which the member of the armed forces is
12 deployed to combat or a combat support posting in a foreign country.

13 SECTION 2. Section 54.058(k), Education Code, as added by
14 this Act, applies beginning with tuition charged by a public
15 institution of higher education for the 2009-2010 academic year.

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