

1 AN ACT

2 relating to requiring a public institution of higher education to
3 designate or employ a person trained in student financial
4 assistance programs for military veterans and their families.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 56, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 56.006 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 56.006. EMPLOYEE TRAINED IN STUDENT FINANCIAL
9 ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS AND FAMILIES. (a) Each
10 institution of higher education shall ensure that one or more
11 persons employed by the institution is trained:

12 (1) in understanding state and federal student
13 financial assistance programs available to military veterans or
14 their family members, especially programs specifically applicable
15 to military veterans or their family members; and

16 (2) in assisting military veterans and eligible family
17 members in understanding and obtaining the benefits available under
18 those programs.

19 (b) A person described by Subsection (a) must be available
20 to assist persons as described by Subsection (a)(2) during regular
21 business hours at the financial aid or other office to which the
22 person is assigned.

23 SECTION 2. A public institution of higher education shall
24 comply with Section 56.006, Education Code, as added by this Act,

1 concerning employment of a person to provide student financial
2 assistance for military veterans and their families not later than
3 January 1, 2010.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3951 was passed by the House on May 6, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 109, Nays 36, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3951 on May 21, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3951 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 18, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor