

By: Turner of Tarrant

H.B. No. 3951

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

Sec. 56.006. EMPLOYEE TRAINED IN STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS AND FAMILIES. (a) Each institution of higher education shall designate one or more persons trained:

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

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

(b) A person described by Subsection (a) must be available to perform the duties related to the employment described by that subsection during regular business hours at the financial aid or other office to which the person is assigned.

SECTION 2. A public institution of higher education shall 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.