

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Turner of Tarrant, Leibowitz, Moody

H.B. No. 3951

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring a public institution of higher education to designate or employ 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 ensure that one or more persons employed by the institution is 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 assist persons as described by Subsection (a)(2) during regular business hours at the financial aid or other office to which the person is assigned.

(c) The legislature shall ensure that each institution receives adequate funding to cover the additional costs

1 attributable to the requirements of this section and may
2 appropriate money for that purpose.

3 SECTION 2. A public institution of higher education shall
4 comply with Section 56.006, Education Code, as added by this Act,
5 concerning employment of a person to provide student financial
6 assistance for military veterans and their families not later than
7 January 1, 2010.

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

ADOPTED

MAY 18 2009

Lacey Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY: Wendy N Davis

1 Amend H.B. 3951 (Senate committee report) in SECTION 1 of the
2 bill by striking added Section 56.006(c), Education Code (page 1,
3 lines 30-33).

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 19, 2009

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3951 by Turner, Chris (Relating to requiring a public institution of higher education to designate or employ a person trained in student financial assistance programs for military veterans and their families.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require a public institution of higher education to designate or employ a person trained in student financial assistance programs for military veterans and their families. Provisions of the bill would be implemented within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 758 Texas State University System

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 12, 2009

TO: Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3951 by Turner, Chris (Relating to requiring a public institution of higher education to designate or employ a person trained in student financial assistance programs for military veterans and their families.), **As Engrossed**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3951, As Engrossed: a negative impact of (\$406,528) through the biennium ending August 31, 2011.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2010	(\$202,804)
2011	(\$203,724)
2012	(\$204,672)
2013	(\$205,649)
2014	(\$206,654)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1
2010	(\$202,804)
2011	(\$203,724)
2012	(\$204,672)
2013	(\$205,649)
2014	(\$206,654)

Fiscal Year	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2009
2010	3.0
2011	3.0
2012	3.0
2013	3.0
2014	3.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires a public institution of higher education to designate or employ a person trained in student financial assistance programs for military veterans and their families. Under provisions of the bill, the legislature shall ensure that each institution receives adequate funding to cover the additional

costs attributable to the requirements of this section and may appropriate money for that purpose.

Methodology

Since the bill indicates the legislature shall ensure that each institution will receive adequate funding to cover the costs associated with implementing the bill, for purposes of this fiscal note it is assumed these costs will be covered by the State as opposed to the higher education institutions. While several higher education system offices indicated their component institutions currently have personnel in the university's admission or financial aid offices addressing a lot of the requirements of the legislation, other system offices indicated their components would need to hire additional FTEs to implement the provisions of the bill. The University of Texas System indicated that three of their component institutions, the University of Texas at El Paso, the University of Texas at Pan American and the University of Texas at Tyler would each need to hire an additional financial aid officer. The total costs for the FTEs, including salaries and benefits, is \$118,804 in fiscal year 2010 increasing to \$122,654 by fiscal year 2014. The University of Houston System has indicated the costs associated with the bill for their institutions would be approximately \$84,000 per year.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 16, 2009

TO: Honorable Frank Corte Jr., Chair, House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3951 by Turner, Chris (relating to requiring a public institution of higher education to designate or employ a person trained in student financial assistance programs for military veterans and their families.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 30, 2009

TO: Honorable Frank Corte, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3951 by Turner, Chris (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.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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