

House Bill 3951
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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

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provide student financial assistance for military veterans and their families not later than January 1, 2010.

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

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