

1-1 By: Patrick, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Ogden) H.B. No. 3470
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2011;
1-3 May 3, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
1-4 Affairs and Military Installations; May 12, 2011, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 12, 2011,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 61.9772(a), Education Code, is amended
1-12 to read as follows:

1-13 (a) To receive an initial scholarship under this
1-14 subchapter, a student must:

1-15 (1) be enrolled [~~as a freshman~~] in a public or private
1-16 institution of higher education in this state;

1-17 (2) enroll in and be a member in good standing of a
1-18 Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program while enrolled in a
1-19 public or private institution of higher education in this state;

1-20 (3) be appointed to receive a scholarship by the
1-21 governor, the lieutenant governor, a state senator, or a state
1-22 representative; and

1-23 (4) enter into an agreement with the board under
1-24 Section 61.9773.

1-25 SECTION 2. Section 61.9773(a), Education Code, is amended
1-26 to read as follows:

1-27 (a) To receive a scholarship under this subchapter, a
1-28 student must enter into an agreement with the board as provided by
1-29 this section. The agreement must require the student to:

1-30 (1) complete four years of ROTC training;

1-31 (2) graduate not later than six [~~five~~] years after the
1-32 date the student first enrolls in a public or private institution of
1-33 higher education in this state;

1-34 (3) after graduation, enter into:

1-35 (A) a four-year commitment to be a member of the
1-36 Texas Army National Guard, Texas [~~or~~] Air [~~Force~~] National Guard,
1-37 Texas State Guard, United States Coast Guard, or United States
1-38 Merchant Marine; or

1-39 (B) a contract to serve as a commissioned officer
1-40 in any branch of the armed services of the United States;

1-41 (4) meet the physical examination requirements and all
1-42 other prescreening requirements of the Texas Army National Guard,
1-43 Texas [~~or~~] Air [~~Force~~] National Guard, Texas State Guard, United
1-44 States Coast Guard, or United States Merchant Marine or the branch
1-45 of the armed services with which the student enters into a contract;
1-46 and

1-47 (5) agree to repay the scholarship if the student:

1-48 (A) fails to maintain satisfactory academic
1-49 progress;

1-50 (B) withdraws from the scholarship program; or

1-51 (C) fails to fulfill a commitment or contract
1-52 described by Subdivision (3).

1-53 SECTION 3. Sections 61.9774 and 61.9775, Education Code,
1-54 are amended to read as follows:

1-55 Sec. 61.9774. RULES. [~~(a)~~] The board shall adopt rules as
1-56 necessary for the administration of this subchapter, including
1-57 rules regarding the eligibility criteria and the selection of
1-58 scholarship recipients.

1-59 [~~(b) The board by rule shall provide that any amount paid to
1-60 a student by a branch of the armed services of the United States
1-61 during an academic year for which the student receives a
1-62 scholarship under this subchapter because the student is under a
1-63 contract with that branch shall be deducted from the amount of the
1-64 scholarship awarded to the student for that academic year.]~~

