

1-1 By: Van de Putte S.B. No. 1734  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2011; March 23, 2011, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and  
1-4 Military Installations; April 19, 2011, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0; April 19, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of  
1-9 higher education for certain Texas military veterans.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 54.203, Education Code, is amended by  
1-12 adding Subsection (a-3) to read as follows:

1-13 (a-3) Notwithstanding Subsection (a)(4), a person who meets  
1-14 the requirements of Subsection (a)(4), other than the requirement  
1-15 that the person must have served on active military duty for more  
1-16 than the stated number of days, is entitled to the exemption  
1-17 provided by Subsection (a)(4) regardless of the length of the  
1-18 member's active military duty if the person was a member of the  
1-19 Texas National Guard or the Texas Air National Guard who was  
1-20 assigned to a theater of combat operation with the armed forces of  
1-21 the United States.

1-22 SECTION 2. Subsection (a-3), Section 54.203, Education  
1-23 Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with tuition and fees  
1-24 at a public institution of higher education for the 2011 fall  
1-25 semester. Tuition and fees for a term or semester before the 2011  
1-26 fall semester are covered by the law in effect immediately before  
1-27 the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in  
1-28 effect for that purpose.

1-29 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-30 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-31 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-32 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-33 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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