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S.B. No. 1736

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 1736:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the establishment of the College Credit for Heroes
3 program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 302.0031 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 302.0031. COLLEGE CREDIT FOR HEROES PROGRAM. (a) In
8 this section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning
9 assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

10 (b) The commission shall establish and administer the
11 College Credit for Heroes demonstration program to identify,
12 develop, and support methods to maximize academic or workforce
13 education credit awarded by institutions of higher education to
14 veterans and military servicemembers for military experience,
15 education, and training obtained during military service in order
16 to expedite the entry of veterans and military servicemembers into
17 the workforce.

18 (c) The commission shall work cooperatively with other
19 state agencies, including the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
20 Board, public junior colleges, and other institutions of higher
21 education, to accomplish the purposes of this section.

22 (d) The commission may award grants to state, local, or
23 private entities that perform activities related to the purposes of
24 this section.

1 (e) The commission shall administer the program using money
2 previously appropriated to the commission or received from federal
3 or other sources.

4 (f) The commission may adopt rules as necessary for the
5 administration of this section.

6 (g) Not later than November 1, 2012, the commission, after
7 consultation with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board,
8 shall report to the legislature and the governor on:

9 (1) the results of any grants awarded under this
10 section;

11 (2) the best practices for veterans and military
12 servicemembers to achieve maximum academic or workforce education
13 credit at institutions of higher education for military experience,
14 education, and training obtained during military service;

15 (3) measures needed to facilitate the award of
16 academic or workforce education credit by institutions of higher
17 education for military experience, education, and training
18 obtained during military service; and

19 (4) other related measures needed to facilitate the
20 entry of trained, qualified veterans and military servicemembers
21 into the workforce.

22 (h) This subsection and Subsection (g) expire January 1,
23 2013.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.