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Amend C.S.S.B. No. 1735 (house committee report) by adding the following numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Chapter 322, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 322.026 to read as follows:

Sec. 322.026. STUDY AND REPORT REGARDING CERTAIN TUITION AND FEE EXEMPTIONS FOR VETERANS AND FAMILY MEMBERS. (a) The Legislative Budget Board in coordination with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Texas Veterans Commission, and institutions of higher education shall conduct a study observing and comparing the implementation and effects, including the costs to institutions of higher education, of the exemption from the payment of tuition and fees at institutions of higher education under Section 54.341, Education Code:

(1) before the enactment of Chapter 1340 (S.B. 93), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, allowing a person eligible for an exemption under Section 54.341, Education Code, to assign the exemption to a child of the person;

(2) after the enactment of the Act described by Subdivision (1); and

(3) after the enactment and becoming law of S.B. 1735, 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, amending Section 54.341, Education Code.

(b) Not later than December 1, 2018, the board shall report its findings from the study conducted under this section to the legislature.

(c) This section expires January 1, 2019.