

Amend CSSB 1735 (house committee report), in SECTION 1 of the bill, as follows:

(1) On page 1, line 7, between "(a)," and "(b-1)", insert "(b),".

(2) On page 2, line 12, strike "and".

(3) On page 3, line 4, between "law" and the period, insert the following:

; and

(5) subject to Subsection (b-2), members of the armed forces of the United States who are currently serving and have served at least 12 years on active military duty

(4) On page 3, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

(b) The exemptions provided for in Subsection (a) also apply to:

(1) the children of members of the armed forces of the United States:

(A) who are or were killed in action;

(B) who die or died while in service;

(C) who are missing in action;

(D) whose death is documented to be directly caused by illness or injury connected with service in the armed forces of the United States; ~~[or]~~

(E) who became totally and permanently disabled or meet the eligibility requirements for individual unemployability according to the disability ratings of the Department of Veterans Affairs as a result of a service-related injury; or

(F) subject to Subsection (), who are currently serving and have served at least 12 years on active military duty; and

(2) the children of members of the Texas National Guard and the Texas Air National Guard who:

(A) were killed since January 1, 1946, while on active duty either in the service of their state or the United States; or

(B) are totally and permanently disabled or meet

the eligibility requirements for individual unemployability according to the disability ratings of the Department of Veterans Affairs, regardless of whether the members are eligible to receive disability benefits from the department, as a result of a service-related injury suffered since January 1, 1946, while on active duty either in the service of this state or the United States.

(5) On page 3, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following new subsection, appropriately lettered, and reletter subsections of Section 54.341, Education Code, and cross-references to those subsections, accordingly:

() The Texas Veterans Commission by rule shall establish conditions under which a student who previously qualified for an exemption under Subsection (a)(5) or (b)(1)(F) for attendance at an institution of higher education loses that eligibility and is required to repay an amount equal to the amount of tuition, dues, fees, and other required charges the student would, but for the exemption, have owed the institution. The conditions must include the student's withdrawal from or dropping out of the institution, the student's failure to maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, or the receipt of a dishonorable discharge from active military service by the student or the student's parent, as applicable. The commission shall establish a schedule for installment repayment under this subsection.