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H.B. No. 3998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the expansion of the College Credit for Heroes
3 demonstration program to lower-division public institutions of
4 higher education offering degrees in certain fields.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 302.0031, Labor Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsections (a) and (f) and adding Subsection (b-1) to
8 read as follows:

9 (a) In this section:

10 (1) "Institution~~[, "institution]~~ of higher education,
11 "public junior college," "public state college," and "public
12 technical institute" have ~~[has]~~ the meanings ~~[meaning]~~ assigned by
13 Section 61.003, Education Code.

14 (2) "Lower-division institution of higher education"
15 means a public junior college, public state college, or public
16 technical institute.

17 (b-1) The commission shall administer the College Credit
18 for Heroes demonstration program at each lower-division
19 institution of higher education that offers a degree program in the
20 field of applied science or in a closely related field, as
21 determined by the commission in consultation with the Texas Higher
22 Education Coordinating Board for purposes of this subsection. The
23 commission by rule shall establish a procedure through which a
24 lower-division institution of higher education described by this

1 subsection may opt out of participating in the program.

2 (f) The commission shall [~~may~~] adopt rules as necessary for
3 the administration of this section.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.