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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1                                  AN ACT

2      relating to the College Credit for Heroes program.

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

4             SECTION 1.  Section 302.0031, Labor Code, is amended by

5      amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (g) to read as

6      follows:

7             (b)  The commission shall establish and administer the

8      College Credit for Heroes [demonstration] program to identify,

9      develop, and support methods to maximize academic or workforce

10     education credit awarded by institutions of higher education to

11     veterans and military servicemembers for military experience,

12     education, and training obtained during military service in order

13     to expedite the entry of veterans and military servicemembers into

14     the workforce.

15            (g)  Not later than November 1 of each year, the commission,

16     after consultation with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating

17     Board, shall report to the legislature and the governor on:

18                  (1)  the results of any grants awarded under this

19     section;

20                  (2)  the best practices for veterans and military

21     servicemembers to achieve maximum academic or workforce education

22     credit at institutions of higher education for military experience,

23     education, and training obtained during military service;

24                  (3)  measures needed to facilitate the award of

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1 academic or workforce education credit by institutions of higher

2 education for military experience, education, and training

3 obtained during military service; and

4          (4)  other related measures needed to facilitate the

5 entry of trained, qualified veterans and military servicemembers

6 into the workforce.

7          SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  If this

10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

11 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.