

Amend SB 1781 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter S, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.835 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.835. TRANSFERABLE COLLEGE CREDIT FOR HEROES CURRICULA. (a) To promote the purposes of the College Credit for Heroes program established under Section 302.0031, Labor Code, the board, in consultation with the Texas Workforce Commission, the Texas Veterans Commission, and institutions of higher education, shall:

(1) develop standardized curricula within degree and certificate programs commonly offered by institutions of higher education toward which qualified veterans or military service members may be awarded appropriate academic credit for experience, education, and training earned during military service; and

(2) require the transferability between institutions of higher education of course credit for curricula developed under this section that is awarded to qualified veterans or military service members.

(b) The board shall adopt rules for the administration of this section.

SECTION _____. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall adopt the initial rules required by Section 61.835, Education Code, as added by this Act, not later than May 1, 2018.