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H.B. No. 257

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a report by the Texas Workforce Commission regarding  
3 the transition from military service to employment.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 302.020 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 302.020. REPORT ON TRANSITION FROM MILITARY SERVICE TO  
8 EMPLOYMENT. Not later than September 1 of each year, the  
9 commission, in consultation with the Texas Coordinating Council for  
10 Veterans Services, shall submit to the governor, lieutenant  
11 governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and chairs of  
12 the legislative committees with appropriate jurisdiction a report  
13 that:

14 (1) identifies:

15 (A) the five most common military occupational  
16 specialties of servicemembers who are transitioning from military  
17 service to employment;

18 (B) the five occupations for which the military  
19 occupational specialties identified in Paragraph (A) best offer  
20 transferable skills that meet the needs of employers; and

21 (C) any industry-based certifications that align  
22 with the military occupational specialties identified in Paragraph  
23 (A); and

24 (2) includes any other data or other information

1 identified by the commission in administering the College Credit  
2 for Heroes program under Section 302.0031 as useful for supporting  
3 the transition of servicemembers and veterans into the occupations  
4 identified under Subdivision (1)(B).

5 SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2018, the Texas  
6 Workforce Commission shall submit the initial report required by  
7 Section 302.020, Labor Code, as added by this Act.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.