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H.B. No. 257

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

(1) identifies:

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

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

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

(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.