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H.B. No. 2302

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to providing an opportunity for public high school  
3 students in grades 10 through 12 to take the Armed Services  
4 Vocational Aptitude Battery test or an alternative vocational  
5 aptitude test.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is  
8 amended by adding Section 29.9015 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 29.9015. ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY  
10 TEST. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), each school year  
11 each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall  
12 provide students in grades 10 through 12 an opportunity to take the  
13 Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test and consult with a  
14 military recruiter.

15 (b) The test under Subsection (a) must be scheduled:

16 (1) during normal school hours; and

17 (2) to optimize student participation, at a time that  
18 limits conflicts with extracurricular activities.

19 (c) Each school district and open-enrollment charter school  
20 shall provide each student in grades 10 through 12 and the student's  
21 parent or person standing in parental relation to the student a  
22 notice of the date, time, and location of the scheduled  
23 administration of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery  
24 test.

1       (d) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may  
2 elect not to provide the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery  
3 test only if the district or school provides an alternative test  
4 that:

5           (1) assesses a student's aptitude for success in a  
6 career field other than a career field that requires postsecondary  
7 education;

8           (2) is free to administer;

9           (3) requires minimal training and support of district  
10 or school faculty and staff to administer the test; and

11           (4) provides the student with a professional  
12 interpretation of the test results that allows the student to:

13           (A) explore occupations that are consistent with  
14 the student's interests and skills; and

15           (B) develop strategies to attain the student's  
16 career goals.

17       (e) Not later than August 1 of each year, the agency shall  
18 publish a list of school districts and open-enrollment charter  
19 schools that elected under Subsection (d) not to provide the Armed  
20 Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test during the previous  
21 school year.

22       SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018  
23 school year.

24       SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.