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H.B. No. 2673

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the development of transferable degree or certificate
3 program curricula for which qualified veterans or military service
4 members may be awarded course credit based on military service.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter S, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 61.835 to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

1 SECTION 2. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
2 shall adopt the initial rules required by Section 61.835, Education
3 Code, as added by this Act, not later than May 1, 2018.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.