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H.B. No. 4063

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the expansion of the College Credit for Heroes program  
3 to lower-division public institutions of higher education offering  
4 degrees in certain fields.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 302.0031, Labor Code, is amended by  
7 amending Subsections (a) and (f) and adding Subsection (b-1) to  
8 read as follows:

9 (a) In this section:

10 (1) "Institution" ~~["institution"]~~ of higher  
11 education, "public junior college," "public state college," and  
12 "public technical institute" have ~~[has]~~ the meanings ~~[meaning]~~  
13 assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

14 (2) "Lower-division institution of higher education"  
15 means a public junior college, public state college, or public  
16 technical institute.

17 (b-1) The commission shall administer the College Credit  
18 for Heroes program at each lower-division institution of higher  
19 education that offers a degree program in the field of applied  
20 science or in a closely related field, as determined by the  
21 commission in consultation with the Texas Higher Education  
22 Coordinating Board for purposes of this subsection. The commission  
23 by rule shall establish a procedure through which a lower-division  
24 institution of higher education described by this subsection may

1 opt out of participating in the program.

2 (f) The commission shall [~~may~~] adopt rules as necessary for  
3 the administration of this section.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.