By: Rodríguez S.B. No. 439

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the appointment by certain elected officials of

- 3 students to receive a Texas Armed Services Scholarship.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 61.9772, Education Code, is amended by
- 6 amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read
- 7 as follows:
- 8 (b) In each year, the governor and the lieutenant governor
- 9 may each appoint two students and each state senator and each state
- 10 representative may appoint one student to receive an initial
- 11 scholarship under this subchapter. The board by rule shall
- 12 <u>establish a process so that for each appointment under this section</u>
- 13 the appointing officer may submit the name of an alternate student
- 14 for the scholarship.
- 15 (c) For a student to continue to receive a scholarship
- 16 awarded under this subchapter, the student must maintain
- 17 satisfactory academic progress as determined by the <u>board</u>
- 18 [institution in which the student is enrolled].
- 19 (d) If an eligible alternate student is submitted to the
- 20 board under Subsection (b) and the board determines a student
- 21 appointed under Subsection (b) to receive an initial scholarship
- 22 fails to maintain eligibility or otherwise meet the requirements to
- 23 continue receiving the scholarship, beginning with the academic
- 24 year following the determination the board shall award the

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- 1 remaining term of the initial scholarship to the corresponding
- 2 <u>alternate student submitted to the board by the appointing officer</u>
- 3 <u>under Subsection (b).</u>
- 4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.