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S.B. No. 1845

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) The board shall adopt rules for the administration of 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.