

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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H.B. No. 846

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the implementation of student financial assistance  
3 programs for veterans and their families.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 56, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 56.0065 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 56.0065. STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR  
8 VETERANS AND FAMILIES; EQUAL PROTECTION. (a) An institution of  
9 higher education may not impose additional fees, obligations, or  
10 burdens concerning payment or registration on a student eligible  
11 for state or federal military related student financial assistance  
12 programs for military veterans or their family members that are not  
13 otherwise required by those programs to be imposed for the purpose  
14 of receiving that assistance.

15 (b) An institution of higher education must provide for a  
16 student described by Subsection (a) to defer payment of tuition and  
17 fees if the receipt of military related financial assistance  
18 awarded to the student is delayed. The Texas Veterans Commission,  
19 in cooperation with institutions of higher education, shall  
20 prescribe a standard deferment request form for the purposes of  
21 this subsection.

22 (c) This section does not prohibit an institution of higher  
23 education from requiring a student described by Subsection (a) to  
24 submit a free application for federal student aid (FAFSA).

1           SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply  
2 beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year.

3           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

# ADOPTED

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*Atty. Gen.*  
Secretary of the Senate

By: *Jeri Merino*

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 846:

By: *Luis Lucio, Jr.*

C.S.H.B. No. 846

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7 Sec. 56.0065. STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR  
8 VETERANS AND FAMILIES; EQUAL PROTECTION. (a) In this section,  
9 "private or independent institution of higher education" has the  
10 meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

11 (b) An institution of higher education or a private or  
12 independent institution of higher education may not impose  
13 additional fees, obligations, or burdens concerning payment or  
14 registration on a student eligible for state or federal military  
15 related student financial assistance programs for military  
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17 those programs to be imposed for the purpose of receiving that  
18 assistance.

19 (c) An institution of higher education or a private or  
20 independent institution of higher education must provide for a  
21 student described by Subsection (b) to defer payment of tuition and  
22 fees if the receipt of military related financial assistance  
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24 Veterans Commission, in cooperation with institutions of higher

1 education and private or independent institutions of higher  
2 education, shall prescribe a standard deferment request form for  
3 the purposes of this subsection.

4 (d) This section does not prohibit an institution of higher  
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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 25, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB846** by Raney (Relating to the implementation of student financial assistance programs for veterans and their families. ), **As Passed 2nd House**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would prohibit an institution of higher education or a private or independent institution of higher education from imposing additional fees on military veterans or family members for a program that are not otherwise required for the purpose of the program. In addition, an institution of higher education or a private or independent institution of higher education would be required to allow a military veteran or family member to defer tuition and fees if the receipt of military related financial assistance was delayed by less than 60 days.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017 and would apply beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year.

This analysis assumes that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 403 Veterans Commission, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 17, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Donna Campbell, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB846** by Raney (relating to the implementation of student financial assistance programs for veterans and their families.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 29, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Donna Campbell, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB846** by Raney (Relating to the implementation of student financial assistance programs for veterans and their families.), **As Engrossed**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 29, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable J. M. Lozano, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB846** by Raney (Relating to the implementation of student financial assistance programs for veterans and their families.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 6, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable J. M. Lozano, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB846** by Raney (Relating to the implementation of student financial assistance programs for veterans and their families.), **As Introduced**

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