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H.B. No. 114

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to providing public high school students information  
3 regarding the availability of college credit awarded for military  
4 experience, education, and training obtained during military  
5 service.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 33.007, Education Code, is amended by  
8 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-2) to read as  
9 follows:

10 (b) During the first school year a student is enrolled in a  
11 high school or at the high school level in an open-enrollment  
12 charter school, and again during each year of a student's  
13 enrollment in high school or at the high school level, a school  
14 counselor shall provide information about postsecondary education  
15 to the student and the student's parent or guardian. The  
16 information must include information regarding:

17 (1) the importance of postsecondary education;

18 (2) the advantages of earning an endorsement and a  
19 performance acknowledgment and completing the distinguished level  
20 of achievement under the foundation high school program under  
21 Section 28.025;

22 (3) the disadvantages of taking courses to prepare for  
23 a high school equivalency examination relative to the benefits of  
24 taking courses leading to a high school diploma;

1 (4) financial aid eligibility;

2 (5) instruction on how to apply for federal financial  
3 aid;

4 (6) the center for financial aid information  
5 established under Section 61.0776;

6 (7) the automatic admission of certain students to  
7 general academic teaching institutions as provided by Section  
8 51.803;

9 (8) the eligibility and academic performance  
10 requirements for the TEXAS Grant as provided by Subchapter M,  
11 Chapter 56;

12 (9) the availability of programs in the district under  
13 which a student may earn college credit, including advanced  
14 placement programs, dual credit programs, joint high school and  
15 college credit programs, and international baccalaureate programs;  
16 ~~and~~

17 (10) the availability of education and training  
18 vouchers and tuition and fee waivers to attend an institution of  
19 higher education as provided by Section 54.366 for a student who is  
20 or was previously in the conservatorship of the Department of  
21 Family and Protective Services; and

22 (11) the availability of college credit awarded by  
23 institutions of higher education to veterans and military  
24 servicemembers for military experience, education, and training  
25 obtained during military service as described by the informational  
26 materials developed under Section 302.0031(h), Labor Code.

27 (b-2) Information provided under Subsection (b)(11) must

1 explain to any student who is enlisted or intends to enlist in the  
2 armed forces of the United States the informational materials  
3 developed under Section 302.0031(h), Labor Code.

4 SECTION 2. Section 302.0031, Labor Code, is amended by  
5 adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

6 (h) For purposes of Section 33.007(b)(11), Education Code,  
7 the commission, in cooperation with the Texas Higher Education  
8 Coordinating Board, shall develop and annually make available to  
9 each school district and each open-enrollment charter school that  
10 offers a high school program informational materials regarding the  
11 availability of college credit awarded by institutions of higher  
12 education to veterans and military servicemembers for military  
13 experience, education, and training obtained during military  
14 service, including information regarding the program under this  
15 section.

16 SECTION 3. Section 33.007, Education Code, as amended by  
17 this Act, applies beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

18 SECTION 4. Not later than September 1, 2020, the Texas  
19 Workforce Commission, in cooperation with the Texas Higher  
20 Education Coordinating Board, shall develop and make available to  
21 each school district and each open-enrollment charter school that  
22 offers a high school program the informational materials required  
23 under Section 302.0031(h), Labor Code, as added by this Act.

24 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.