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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.