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S.B. No. 1538

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a career mentoring pilot program for certain students who are veterans.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 130, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 130.094 to read as follows:

Sec. 130.094. VETERANS CAREER MENTORING PILOT PROGRAM; VETSHIRED!. (a) The Alamo Community College District shall implement a pilot program to be known as "VetsHIRED!" to establish career mentoring for students enrolled in the district who are veterans.

(b) Under the pilot program, the district shall:

(1) assign students to a military transition consultant to assist the student in the transition from military service to a career in the workforce;

(2) assign students to a cohort that meets once per week in a 10-week period for 20 hours of in-person lectures regarding personalized career search strategies and strategies for college success; and

(3) establish a mentorship program that partners students with business and community leaders who guide them into the workforce.

(c) Not later than January 1, 2021, the district shall prepare a report on the effectiveness of the pilot program in

1 promoting the success of students who are veterans and submit the  
2 report to the standing committees of each house of the legislature  
3 with primary jurisdiction over higher education matters and matters  
4 concerning veterans affairs.

5 (d) This section expires September 1, 2021.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.