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S.B. No. 1539

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a 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 130.095 to read as follows:

Sec. 130.095. VETERAN INTEREST GROUPS PILOT PROGRAM. (a)

The Alamo Community College District shall implement a pilot program to establish veteran interest groups for students enrolled in the district who are veterans.

(b) The district shall ensure that students assigned to a group established under the pilot program enroll in at least three of the same classes as the other students assigned to the group.

(c) Students assigned to a group established under the pilot program shall attend a weekly seminar led by a peer mentor and a staff facilitator in which the students:

(1) learn content related to the needs of students who are veterans;

(2) discuss study and time management strategies and other issues;

(3) engage in campus life and other involvement opportunities; and

(4) participate in social opportunities.

(d) Not later than January 1, 2021, the district shall

1 prepare a report on the effectiveness of the pilot program in  
2 promoting the success of students who are veterans and submit the  
3 report to the standing committees of each house of the legislature  
4 with primary jurisdiction over higher education matters and matters  
5 concerning veterans affairs.

6 (e) This section expires September 1, 2021.

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