

1-1 By: Menéndez S.B. No. 1539  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2019; March 14, 2019, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border  
 1-4 Security; April 9, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 1; April 9, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the establishment of a pilot program for certain  
 1-18 students who are veterans.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 130, Education Code, is  
 1-21 amended by adding Section 130.095 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 130.095. VETERAN INTEREST GROUPS PILOT PROGRAM.

1-23 (a) The Alamo Community College District shall implement a pilot  
 1-24 program to establish veteran interest groups for students enrolled  
 1-25 in the district who are veterans.

1-26 (b) The district shall ensure that students assigned to a  
 1-27 group established under the pilot program enroll in at least three  
 1-28 of the same classes as the other students assigned to the group.

1-29 (c) Students assigned to a group established under the pilot  
 1-30 program shall attend a weekly seminar led by a peer mentor and a  
 1-31 staff facilitator in which the students:

1-32 (1) learn content related to the needs of students who  
 1-33 are veterans;

1-34 (2) discuss study and time management strategies and  
 1-35 other issues;

1-36 (3) engage in campus life and other involvement  
 1-37 opportunities; and

1-38 (4) participate in social opportunities.

1-39 (d) Not later than January 1, 2021, the district shall  
 1-40 prepare a report on the effectiveness of the pilot program in  
 1-41 promoting the success of students who are veterans and submit the  
 1-42 report to the standing committees of each house of the legislature  
 1-43 with primary jurisdiction over higher education matters and matters  
 1-44 concerning veterans affairs.

1-45 (e) This section expires September 1, 2021.

1-46 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-47 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-48 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-49 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-50 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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