By:  Slaton, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hall) H.B. No. 2701

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2021; May 13, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 21, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hughes          X

Birdwell        X

Campbell        X

Hall            X

Lucio           X

Nelson          X

Powell          X

Schwertner      X

Zaffirini       X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirement that individuals joining the Texas National Guard sign a notice regarding active combat duty.

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

SECTION 1.  The heading to Section 437.007, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 437.007.  ENLISTMENT AND APPOINTMENT; NOTICE.

SECTION 2.  Section 437.007, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c)  Before an individual may enlist in or accept an appointment with the Texas National Guard, the individual shall sign the following written notice that is printed in 24-point bold-faced type:

BY JOINING THE TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY BE CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY BY THE PRESIDENT TO SERVE ON ACTIVE COMBAT DUTY IN A WAR DECLARED BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS OR IN ANOTHER ARMED CONFLICT AS ORDERED BY THE PRESIDENT. ACTIVE COMBAT DUTY MAY INCLUDE:

(1)  PARTICIPATING IN AN ARMED CONFLICT;

(2)  PERFORMING A HAZARDOUS SERVICE;

(3)  PERFORMING A DUTY UNDER CONDITIONS SIMULATING WAR; AND

(4)  PERFORMING A DUTY THROUGH AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF WAR.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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