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By:  Lopez of Bexar H.J.R. No. 67

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to require the legislature to appropriate funds to state institutions of higher education to fund certain education benefits provided to veterans and family members of veterans.

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

SECTION 1.  Article VII, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 21 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.  Each state fiscal biennium, the legislature shall appropriate to each state institution of higher education, out of the first money coming into the treasury not otherwise appropriated by this constitution, an amount sufficient to fund at least 50 percent of the cost to the institution during the most recent state fiscal biennium of providing tuition and fee exemptions for veterans and family members of veterans as required by the legislature by general law.

SECTION 2.  This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment requiring the legislature to appropriate funds to state institutions of higher education to fund certain education benefits provided to veterans and family members of veterans."