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S.B. No. 2316

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to service requirements of certain current or former
3 members of the Texas National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard,
4 or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States for
5 tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher
6 education.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 54.341(a), Education Code, is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (a) The governing board of each institution of higher
11 education shall exempt the following persons from the payment of
12 tuition, dues, fees, and other required charges, including fees for
13 correspondence courses but excluding general deposit fees, student
14 services fees, and any fees or charges for lodging, board, or
15 clothing, provided the person seeking the exemption currently
16 resides in this state and entered the service at a location in this
17 state, declared this state as the person's home of record in the
18 manner provided by the applicable military or other service, or
19 would have been determined to be a resident of this state for
20 purposes of Subchapter B at the time the person entered the service:

21 (1) all nurses and honorably discharged members of the
22 armed forces of the United States who served during the
23 Spanish-American War or during World War I;

24 (2) all nurses, members of the Women's Army Auxiliary

1 Corps, members of the Women's Auxiliary Volunteer Emergency
2 Service, and all honorably discharged members of the armed forces
3 of the United States who served during World War II except those who
4 were discharged from service because they were over the age of 38 or
5 because of a personal request on the part of the person that the
6 person be discharged from service;

7 (3) all honorably discharged men and women of the
8 armed forces of the United States who served during the national
9 emergency which began on June 27, 1950, and which is referred to as
10 the Korean War; ~~and~~

11 (4) all persons who were honorably discharged from the
12 armed forces of the United States after serving on active military
13 duty, excluding training, for more than 180 days and who served a
14 portion of their active duty during:

15 (A) the Cold War which began on the date of the
16 termination of the national emergency cited in Subdivision (3);

17 (B) the Vietnam era which began on December 21,
18 1961, and ended on May 7, 1975;

19 (C) the Grenada and Lebanon era which began on
20 August 24, 1982, and ended on July 31, 1984;

21 (D) the Panama era which began on December 20,
22 1989, and ended on January 21, 1990;

23 (E) the Persian Gulf War which began on August 2,
24 1990, and ends on the date thereafter prescribed by Presidential
25 proclamation or September 1, 1997, whichever occurs first;

26 (F) the national emergency by reason of certain
27 terrorist attacks that began on September 11, 2001; or

1 (G) any future national emergency declared in
2 accordance with federal law; and

3 (5) all persons not otherwise described by Subdivision
4 (4) who were honorably discharged from a reserve component of the
5 armed forces of the United States, the Texas National Guard, or the
6 Texas Air National Guard after serving for a continuous period of at
7 least 20 years in the applicable military service.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.