

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Submitted to the Committee on Public Education
For HB 651

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Marlene Lobberecht
self/retired educator
Houston, TX

SUPPORT that student participation be recorded as a component of the College, Career, and Military Readiness in the Academic Accountability System within the "Closing the Gap" category.

JoAnn Dono
self as an individual, school counselor for over 15 years, and a licensed mental health professional
Austin, TX
in favor

Warren Roane, Dr.
Self- Director of Accountability, Humble ISD
Humble, TX

I support the inclusion of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program as part of the CCMR (College, Career and Military Ready) measure in the state accountability system. It is a clear, auditable, and readily available measure that accurately reflects career readiness for the military.

vernagene Mott, mrs.
Pflugerville ISD
Pflugerville, TX

YES Pflugerville ISD has a Marine and an Army JROTC which develops worthy knowledge, skills, basic vital experiences in leadership and military readiness.

MARY WILLIAMS
SELF / SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
HOUSTON, TX

JROTC should be included for CCMR. Students in this program become leaders. Students are learning from some of our country's best leaders. These students typically devote as much time as any other student who completes a coherent sequence of courses. If you need a measure, then students can sit for the ASVAB. I believe that students should receive CCMR after three years of ROTC.

Virginia Simonson, LTC, US Army (Retired)
Texas Council of Chapters, Military Officers Association of America and self (Retired; volunteer peer specialist)
Flower Mound, TX

On behalf of the Texas Council of Chapters, Military Officers Association, and myself, I am writing in support of HB 651. Our Chapters throughout Texas are proud to support Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and Leadership Officer Training Corps programs with scholarships and awards each year.

The stated mission of JROTC is “motivating young people to be better citizens.” And the vision of this program is “to provide quality leadership, character, and leadership development, while fostering partnerships with communities and educational institutions.”

JROTC coursework includes classes on leadership and ethics, civics, history, and health and wellness. Instruction may also be offered in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields and include service-specific courses such as Aerospace Science or Seamanship and Navigation. In addition, units offer extracurricular activities such as color guard/drill team, marksmanship, and field trips to military installations.

This bill will provide additional funding for schools that sponsor JROTC and Leadership Officer Training Corps programs, similar to the funding streams that the state provides to other career and technology education programs.

I respectfully request that you swiftly move this bill out of committee and support passage on the House floor.

JAY MCINTIRE

Self
Houston, TX

I have read the bill and I agree with this 1000%. Providing kids with structure, a sense of worth, a call to duty and basic leadership fundamentals at a young age is something that our society desperately needs.

JROTC made me the person I am today and kept me on the right path while I was in high school.

James Cunningham, Chairman
Alamo MOAA and Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations
New Braunfels, TX

Having been involved with ROTC and JROTC programs for over 20years, I see this bill as being one that will assist the JROTC programs in ISDs across the state. Hopefully it will be reported out and moved forward.

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Shannon Noble

Texas Industrial Vocational Association

Austin, TX

The Texas Industrial Vocational Association supports HB 651 and the inclusion of Junior ROTC and LOTC programs as public school CTE programs and the indicator of achievement for military readiness under the public school accountability system.
Thank you.

Anne Newman

Self

Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

Please support HB 651.

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Patricia Moore

"self" Retired Teacher Alief ISD/ currently Alief ISD substitute teacher
Houston, TX

I urge you to VOTE YES on HB651 Relating to the inclusion of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and Leadership Officer Training Corps programs as public school career and technology education programs and the indicator of achievement for military readiness under the public school accountability system.