

1-1 By: Creighton, Menéndez S.B. No. 2786
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 14, 2025; April 3, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;
1-4 April 22, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; April 22, 2025,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Creighton	X			
1-10	Campbell	X			
1-11	Bettencourt	X			
1-12	Hagenbuch	X			
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-14	King	X			
1-15	Menéndez	X			
1-16	Middleton	X			
1-17	Parker	X			
1-18	Paxton	X			
1-19	West	X			

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2786 By: West

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the exemption from the assessment requirements of the
1-24 Texas Success Initiative for certain students who are public
1-25 officers or employees.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Section 51.332, Education Code, is amended to
1-28 read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 51.332. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter does not apply
1-30 to:

1-31 (1) a student who has graduated with an associate or
1-32 baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher education;

1-33 (2) a student who transfers to an institution of
1-34 higher education from a private or independent institution of
1-35 higher education or an accredited out-of-state institution of
1-36 higher education and who has satisfactorily completed
1-37 college-level coursework;

1-38 (3) a student who is enrolled in a certificate program
1-39 of one year or less at a public junior college, a public technical
1-40 institute, or a public state college;

1-41 (4) a student who is serving on active duty as a member
1-42 of:

1-43 (A) the armed forces of the United States; or

1-44 (B) the Texas National Guard;

1-45 (5) a student who is currently serving as and, for at
1-46 least the three-year period preceding enrollment, has served as a
1-47 member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United
1-48 States; ~~or~~

1-49 (6) a student who on or after August 1, 1990, was
1-50 honorably discharged, retired, or released from:

1-51 (A) active duty as a member of the armed forces of
1-52 the United States or the Texas National Guard; or

1-53 (B) service as a member of a reserve component of
1-54 the armed forces of the United States;

1-55 (7) a student who is:

1-56 (A) certified as an emergency medical technician
1-57 under Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code; and

1-58 (B) employed by a political subdivision;

1-59 (8) a student who is included as fire protection
1-60 personnel by Section 419.021, Government Code; or

2-4 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies
2-5 beginning with the assessment of entering undergraduate students at
2-6 public institutions of higher education for the 2025 fall semester.
2-7 The assessment of an entering undergraduate student for an academic
2-8 term before that semester is covered by the law in effect before the
2-9 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for
2-10 that purpose.

2-11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-15 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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