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H.B. No. 269

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the award of course credit to a student at a public  
3 institution of higher education for the completion of military  
4 service.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 51, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 51.3042 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 51.3042. AWARD OF COURSE CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE.

9 (a) In this section, "institution of higher education" has the  
10 meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

11 (b) An institution of higher education shall award to a  
12 student who is admitted to the institution, including a student who  
13 is readmitted under Section 51.9242, course credit toward an  
14 undergraduate degree offered by the institution for any kinesiology  
15 course required by the institution for that degree and for elective  
16 courses not to exceed 12 semester credit hours required by the  
17 institution for that degree if the student:

18 (1) graduated from a public or private high school in  
19 this state accredited by a generally recognized accrediting  
20 organization or from a high school operated by the United States  
21 Department of Defense; and

22 (2) is an honorably discharged former member of the  
23 armed forces of the United States who:

24 (A) completed at least two years of service

1 in the armed forces; or

2 (B) was discharged because of a disability.

3 (c) An institution of higher education may adopt rules  
4 requiring reasonable proof from a student of the fact and duration  
5 of the student's military service and of the student's military  
6 discharge status.

7 SECTION 2. Section 51.3042, Education Code, as added by  
8 this Act, applies to a student attending an institution of higher  
9 education, without regard to whether the student was admitted to  
10 the institution before the effective date of this Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.