

1-1 By: Campbell S.B. No. 1843  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2017; March 23, 2017, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border  
1-4 Security; April 24, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0;  
1-6 April 24, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1843 By: Campbell

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to providing an opportunity for public high school  
1-20 students in grades 10 through 12 to take the Armed Services  
1-21 Vocational Aptitude Battery test or an alternative vocational  
1-22 aptitude test.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is  
1-25 amended by adding Section 29.9015 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 29.9015. ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY  
1-27 TEST. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d) or (e), each school  
1-28 year each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall  
1-29 provide students in grades 10 through 12 an opportunity to take the  
1-30 Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test and consult with a  
1-31 military recruiter.

1-32 (b) The test under Subsection (a) must be scheduled:

1-33 (1) during normal school hours; and

1-34 (2) to optimize student participation, at a time that  
1-35 limits conflicts with extracurricular activities.

1-36 (c) Each school district and open-enrollment charter school  
1-37 shall provide each student in grades 10 through 12 and the student's  
1-38 parent or person standing in parental relation to the student a  
1-39 notice of the date, time, and location of the scheduled  
1-40 administration of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery  
1-41 test.

1-42 (d) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may  
1-43 elect not to provide the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery  
1-44 test only if the district or school provides an alternative test  
1-45 that:

1-46 (1) assesses a student's aptitude for success in a  
1-47 career field other than a career field that requires postsecondary  
1-48 education;

1-49 (2) is free to administer;

1-50 (3) requires minimal training and support of district  
1-51 or school faculty and staff to administer the test; and

1-52 (4) provides the student with a professional  
1-53 interpretation of the test results that allows the student to:

1-54 (A) explore occupations that are consistent with  
1-55 the student's interests and skills; and

1-56 (B) develop strategies to attain the student's  
1-57 career goals.

1-58 (e) This subsection applies only to a school district,  
1-59 open-enrollment charter school, or high school that, before  
1-60 September 1, 2017, entered into a contract under which a vocational

2-1 aptitude test that does not comply with the requirements for an  
2-2 alternative test under Subsection (d) is provided to students in  
2-3 grades 10 through 12. A school district, open-enrollment charter  
2-4 school, or high school subject to this subsection may elect not to  
2-5 provide the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test for the  
2-6 term of the contract. On the expiration of the contract term, the  
2-7 exemption provided by this subsection is not applicable.

2-8 (f) Not later than August 1 of each year, the agency shall  
2-9 publish a list of school districts and open-enrollment charter  
2-10 schools that elected under Subsection (d) or (e) not to provide the  
2-11 Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test during the previous  
2-12 school year.

2-13 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018  
2-14 school year.

2-15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-19 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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