

1-1 By: Campbell S.B. No. 1845
 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; May 1, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 1, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the development of transferable degree or certificate
 1-18 program curricula for which qualified veterans or military service
 1-19 members may be awarded course credit based on military service.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter S, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
 1-22 amended by adding Section 61.835 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 61.835. TRANSFERABLE COLLEGE CREDIT FOR HEROES
 1-24 CURRICULA. (a) To promote the purposes of the College Credit for
 1-25 Heroes program established under Section 302.0031, Labor Code, the
 1-26 board, in consultation with the Texas Workforce Commission, the
 1-27 Texas Veterans Commission, and institutions of higher education,
 1-28 shall:

1-29 (1) develop standardized curricula within degree and
 1-30 certificate programs commonly offered by institutions of higher
 1-31 education toward which qualified veterans or military service
 1-32 members may be awarded appropriate academic credit for experience,
 1-33 education, and training earned during military service; and

1-34 (2) require the transferability between institutions
 1-35 of higher education of course credit for curricula developed under
 1-36 this section that is awarded to qualified veterans or military
 1-37 service members.

1-38 (b) The board shall adopt rules for the administration of
 1-39 this section.

1-40 SECTION 2. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
 1-41 shall adopt the initial rules required by Section 61.835, Education
 1-42 Code, as added by this Act, not later than May 1, 2018.

1-43 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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