

1-1 By: Menéndez S.B. No. 1538
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2019; March 14, 2019, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border
 1-4 Security; April 9, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 1; April 9, 2019, 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 establishment of a career mentoring pilot program
 1-18 for certain students who are veterans.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 130, Education Code, is
 1-21 amended by adding Section 130.094 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 130.094. VETERANS CAREER MENTORING PILOT PROGRAM;
 1-23 VETSHIRED!. (a) The Alamo Community College District shall
 1-24 implement a pilot program to be known as "VetsHIRED!" to establish
 1-25 career mentoring for students enrolled in the district who are
 1-26 veterans.

1-27 (b) Under the pilot program, the district shall:

1-28 (1) assign students to a military transition
 1-29 consultant to assist the student in the transition from military
 1-30 service to a career in the workforce;

1-31 (2) assign students to a cohort that meets once per
 1-32 week in a 10-week period for 20 hours of in-person lectures
 1-33 regarding personalized career search strategies and strategies for
 1-34 college success; and

1-35 (3) establish a mentorship program that partners
 1-36 students with business and community leaders who guide them into
 1-37 the workforce.

1-38 (c) Not later than January 1, 2021, the district shall
 1-39 prepare a report on the effectiveness of the pilot program in
 1-40 promoting the success of students who are veterans and submit the
 1-41 report to the standing committees of each house of the legislature
 1-42 with primary jurisdiction over higher education matters and matters
 1-43 concerning veterans affairs.

1-44 (d) This section expires September 1, 2021.

1-45 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-46 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-47 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-48 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-49 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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