

1-1 By: Dominguez, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 33  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 6, 2021;  
 1-3 April 12, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Veteran Affairs & Border Security; April 21, 2021, reported  
 1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 21, 2021,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-12	X			
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to measures to facilitate the award of postsecondary  
 1-19 course credit leading to workforce credentialing based on military  
 1-20 experience, education, and training.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 51.3041(b), Education Code, is amended  
 1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (b) An institution of higher education shall consider, in  
 1-25 determining whether to award to a student course credit toward a  
 1-26 degree or certificate offered by the institution for the student's  
 1-27 completion of certain military training:

1-28 (1) any official military record presented to the  
 1-29 institution by the student that:

1-30 (A) describes the substance of the training  
 1-31 completed by the student; and

1-32 (B) verifies the student's successful completion  
 1-33 of that training; and

1-34 (2) whether the substance of that training satisfies  
 1-35 the purpose of the course for which the student seeks credit as  
 1-36 described in the institution's course catalog.

1-37 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 132, Education Code, is  
 1-38 amended by adding Section 132.026 to read as follows:

1-39 Sec. 132.026. MEASURES TO FACILITATE AWARD OF COURSE CREDIT  
 1-40 FOR MILITARY SERVICE. (a) The commission shall evaluate programs  
 1-41 of study or courses offered by career schools or colleges leading to  
 1-42 industry-based certifications or other workforce credentials to  
 1-43 identify programs or courses for which skills obtained through  
 1-44 military experience, education, and training frequently align.

1-45 (b) The commission shall publish on its Internet website a  
 1-46 list of any programs of study or courses identified by the  
 1-47 commission under this section and the relevant military experience,  
 1-48 education, or training that may align with those programs or  
 1-49 courses.

1-50 SECTION 3. Section 132.055, Education Code, is amended by  
 1-51 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-52 (c) In determining whether to approve a career school or  
 1-53 college that offers a program of study or course listed on the  
 1-54 commission's Internet website under Section 132.026(b), in  
 1-55 addition to the criteria prescribed by Subsection (b) of this  
 1-56 section, the commission shall require that the career school or  
 1-57 college provide credit to a student toward any course time required  
 1-58 for the program of study or course for skills obtained by the  
 1-59 student through military experience, education, or training,  
 1-60 unless the school or college can demonstrate that those skills are  
 1-61 not appropriately aligned with the program of study or course.

2-1 SECTION 4. Section 302.0031, Labor Code, is amended by  
2-2 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (i) to read as  
2-3 follows:

2-4 (a) In this section:  
2-5 (1) "Career school or college" has the meaning  
2-6 assigned by Section 132.001, Education Code.

2-7 (2) "Institution[~~,"institution~~] of higher education"  
2-8 has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

2-9 (i) Under the program, the commission shall identify,  
2-10 develop, and support methods to facilitate the award of course time  
2-11 credit by career schools or colleges or other private or nonprofit  
2-12 entities providing programs of study or courses of instruction  
2-13 leading to industry certifications or other workforce credentials  
2-14 to veterans and military servicemembers for military experience,  
2-15 education, or training obtained during military service for  
2-16 programs of study or courses of instruction offered by those  
2-17 schools, colleges, or other entities for which skills obtained  
2-18 through military experience, education, and training align.

2-19 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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