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S.B. No. 1531

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the expansion of the College Credit for Heroes program to lower-division public institutions of higher education offering degrees in certain fields.

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

SECTION 1. Section 302.0031, Labor Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (f) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(a) In this section:

(1) "Institution[~~, "institution~~] of higher education," "public junior college," "public state college," and "public technical institute" have [has] the meanings [meaning] assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(2) "Lower-division institution of higher education" means a public junior college, public state college, or public technical institute.

(b-1) The commission shall administer the College Credit for Heroes program at each lower-division institution of higher education that offers a degree program in the field of applied science or in a closely related field, as determined by the commission in consultation with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for purposes of this subsection. The commission by rule shall establish a procedure through which a lower-division institution of higher education described by this subsection may

1 opt out of participating in the program.

2 (f) The commission shall ~~[may]~~ adopt rules as necessary for
3 the administration of this section.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.