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S.B. No. 1546

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the implementation of student financial assistance programs for veterans and their families.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 56, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 56.0065 to read as follows:

Sec. 56.0065. STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS AND FAMILIES; EQUAL PROTECTION. An institution of higher education may not impose additional obligations or burdens concerning payment or registration on a student eligible for state and federal student financial assistance programs available to military veterans or their family members that are not otherwise required by those programs to be imposed for the purpose of receiving that assistance.

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