CHAPTER 596
H.B. No. 200
AN ACT
relating to continuing education requirements for public school principals.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 21.054(b), Education Code, is repealed.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

SECTION 3. 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, 2009.

Passed by the House on May 7, 2009: Yeas 94, Nays 48, 1 present, not voting; passed
by the Senate on May 25, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.
Effective September 1, 2009.

CHAPTER 597
H.B. No. 269
AN ACT
relating to course credit for certain students at a public institution of higher education.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section
51.3042 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.3042. AWARD OF COURSE CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE. (a) In this
section. "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) An institution of higher education shall award to an undergraduate student who is
admitted to the institution, including a student who is readmitted under Section 51.9242,
course credit for all physical education courses required by the institution for an undergrad-
uate degree and for additional semester credit hours, not to exceed 12, that may be applied to
satisfy any elective course requirements for the student's degree program for courses outside
the student's major or minor if the student:

(1) graduated from a public or private high school accredited by a generally recognized
accrediting organization or from a high school operated by the United States Department
of Defense; and

(2) is an honorably discharged former member of the armed forces of the United States
who:

(A) completed at least two years of service in the armed forces; or

(B) was discharged because of a disability.

(c) This section does not prohibit an institution of higher education from awarding
additional course credit for a student's military service as the institution considers appro-
priate.