

BILL ANALYSIS

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Engrossed

AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Hazlewood Act allows for tuition and fee exemptions for certain military personnel and certain children of those personnel who served in various wars from the Spanish-American War through the Persian Gulf War. Current law, however, does not mention service members who are now serving as a result of the War on Terror. As engrossed, H.B. 503 updates the Hazlewood Act to include those who have served in the military as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 54.203(a), Education Code, to include all persons who were honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States after serving on active military duty, excluding training, for more than 180 days and who served a portion of their active duty during the national emergency by reason of certain terrorist attacks that began on September 11, 2001, in the list of people that the governing boards of each institution of higher education is required to exempt from payment of tuition and fees, with certain stipulations. Makes a nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective to the 2005 fall semester.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.