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## **GUILLEN FIGHTS OFF COLLEGE FEES ON VETERANS**

*H.B. 846 Prohibits Universities from Imposing Additional Fees on Veteran Students and Military Families*

**AUSTIN** - H.B. 846, which Representative Ryan Guillen (D- Rural South Texas) was an author of, took effect with the start of the 2017-2018 school year. According to Guillen, the measure aims to get rid of any additional hurdles Texas veterans and their families may face when going to college on a tuition-free program such as Hazlewood or the GI bill.

**"Texas veterans and their family members have made great sacrifices for this country and they deserve our support," said Guillen.**

Under Hazlewood, Hazlewood Legacy, and the GI bill, veterans and their family members can attend college in Texas tuition-free. This outstanding program has helped thousands of Texas vets get a college education and re-enter civilian life. These students, however, can still face additional fees charged by the university just because they are attending tuition-free.

H.B. 846 prohibits universities from placing extra fees on beneficiaries of the Hazlewood Act and GI bill. The law also requires the Texas Veterans Commission or the university itself to provide deferment request forms for students receiving veteran's tuition assistance if their funds are delayed.

**"This measure will make the process of going to college easier and cheaper for veterans and their families by removing additional burdens they may have otherwise faced while attempting to use their veteran college benefits," said Guillen.**

This law took effect September 1st.

*Serving ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, Ryan Guillen is known for his hard work, fierce independence, and relentless efforts for South Texas families. Recently, Capitol Inside called him a "House Bill Machine," and a "one-person assembly line for legislation." Since elected, few other legislators have passed more bills than Guillen. Sign up for updates at [ryanguillen.com](http://ryanguillen.com), [facebook.com/representative.guillen](https://facebook.com/representative.guillen), and [twitter.com/ryanguillen](https://twitter.com/ryanguillen)*

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