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## **GUILLEN PUSHES TO CHANGE ARMED SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP**

Measure Allows for More Students to be Eligible for Scholarship

**AUSTIN** - On November 14, 2016, Texas State Representative Ryan Guillen (D-Rural South Texas) filed HB 66 to allow eligible candidates for the Armed Services Scholarship to be named in place of awardees who have lost their eligibility for the Scholarship. Representative Guillen believes this bill will ensure the funds for the scholarship would go to qualified students and not be wasted.

**"There's always an individual next in line who is deserving of these scholarship funds," Guillen stated.  
"So why not let these awardees have their chance at some of the left over funds."**

The Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program encourages students to become active members in the ROTC program at their university. Each year the governor, lieutenant governor, state senator, and state representative can appoint students to receive the scholarship. The Award amount can be up to \$5,000 per student per semester for all four years. However, if a student for any reason loses eligibility no other student may be appointed in their place. HB 66 seeks to change this issue in order to allow other eligible students to access this opportunity. Representative Guillen believes this bill will make a lasting impact on a number of students, and ROTC programs at universities across the state.

**"This is a great way to encourage our students partaking in ROTC," Guillen said. "I'm glad to step in and recognize the students who could be using these funds."**

Ryan Guillen serves ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, including Atascosa, Brooks, Duval, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, Starr, and Willacy.

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