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H.B. No. 68

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to free tuition for youth in foster care.

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

SECTION 1. Sec. 54.366, Education Code, is amended by adding (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d) The Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall notify students in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services and in grades 9-12 of the availability of an exemption from the payment of tuition and fees as provided by this section.

(e) The Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall develop a digital system that automatically enrolls eligible students in the state college tuition waiver program.

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, 2023.