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H.B. No. 1746

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an exemption from tuition and fees at public
3 institutions of higher education for certain adopted students.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 54.2111 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 54.2111. EXEMPTIONS FOR ADOPTED STUDENTS FORMERLY IN
8 FOSTER OR OTHER RESIDENTIAL CARE. A student is exempt from the
9 payment of tuition and fees authorized by this chapter if the
10 student was:

11 (1) adopted; and

12 (2) the subject of an adoption assistance agreement
13 under Subchapter D, Chapter 162, Family Code.

14 SECTION 2. Section 54.2111, Education Code, as added by
15 this Act, applies beginning with tuition and fees charged for the
16 2003 fall semester. Tuition and fees charged for a semester or
17 session before the 2003 fall semester are governed by the
18 applicable law in effect before the effective date of this Act, and
19 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.