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S.B. No. 665

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of certain institutions of higher  
3 education to charge tuition and student fees.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 54, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 54.0031 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 54.0031. EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE TUITION AND  
8 STUDENT FEES. (a) A general academic teaching institution, as  
9 defined by Section 61.003, may not impose, charge, or collect  
10 tuition or a fee authorized by this title from any student enrolled  
11 at the institution for a term or semester that begins on or after  
12 September 1, 2005.

13 (b) This section does not apply to a charge or fee for goods  
14 or services that are not provided as part of the institution's  
15 academic program, such as a charge for housing or food service or  
16 for attendance at athletic or cultural events, unless every student  
17 not exempted by law from payment of the charge or fee who registers  
18 at the institution is required to pay the charge or fee.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.