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S.B. No. 1102

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to the eligibility of armed forces personnel and their
3 family members to pay tuition and fees at the rate provided to Texas
4 residents.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 54.058, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

8 (j) A member of the armed forces of the United States or the
9 child or spouse of a member of the armed forces of the United States
10 who is entitled to pay tuition and fees at the rate provided for
11 Texas residents under another provision of this section while
12 enrolled in a degree or certificate program is entitled to pay
13 tuition and fees at the rate provided for Texas residents in any
14 subsequent term or semester while the person is continuously
15 enrolled in the same degree or certificate program. For purposes of
16 this subsection, a person is not required to enroll in a summer term
17 to remain continuously enrolled in a degree or certificate program.
18 The person's eligibility to pay tuition and fees at the rate
19 provided for Texas residents under this subsection does not
20 terminate because the person is no longer a member of the armed
21 forces of the United States or the child or spouse of a member of the
22 armed forces of the United States.

23 SECTION 2. Section 54.058(j), as added by this Act, applies
24 beginning with the 2003 fall semester to a person who was a member

1 of the armed forces of the United States or the child or spouse of a
2 member of the armed forces of the United States entitled to pay
3 tuition and fees at the rate provided for Texas residents under
4 Section 54.058, Education Code, while enrolled in a degree or
5 certificate program at a public institution of higher education in
6 this state in the 2003 spring semester or in any term of the 2003
7 summer session.

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