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S.B. No. 1542

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to tuition flexibility at institutions of higher
3 education.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 54.0513(b), Education Code, is amended
6 as follows:

7 Section 54.0513(b) In addition to amounts that a governing
8 board of an institution of higher education is authorized to charge
9 as tuition under the other provisions of this chapter, the
10 governing board is authorized to charge as designated tuition in an
11 academic year an amount not to exceed three times that amount
12 charged under Sections 54.051 or 54.0512, as applicable, in that
13 academic year. Under this section, a governing body may set a
14 different tuition rate for each program offered by each institution
15 of higher education. A governing board may also set a different
16 tuition rate to increase graduation rates, to encourage efficient
17 facilities utilization and to enhance employee performance.

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