

AN ACT

relating to the installment payment of tuition and fees charged by a public junior college, public technical institute, or public state college for a summer term.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.007, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(b) The governing board of each institution of higher education may permit ~~for~~ the payment of tuition and fees during a ~~[12-week]~~ summer term ~~[and a 16-week summer term]~~ through the following alternatives:

(1) for a student enrolled for a ~~[12-week]~~ summer term of 12 weeks or longer that is not covered by Subdivision (2), one-half payment of tuition and fees in advance of the beginning of the summer term, one-quarter payment before the beginning of the fifth class week, and the final one-quarter payment before the beginning of the ninth class week; ~~or~~

(2) for a student enrolled for a ~~[16-week]~~ summer term of 16 weeks or longer, one-half payment of tuition and fees in advance of the beginning of the summer term, one-quarter payment before the beginning of the sixth class week, and the final one-quarter payment before the beginning of the 11th class week; and

1 (3) for a student enrolled for a summer term not
2 covered by Subdivision (1) or (2) in a public junior college, public
3 technical institute, or public state college, one-half payment of
4 tuition and fees in advance of the beginning of the summer term and
5 the remaining amount in one or two later payments to be made in the
6 percentages and by the dates determined by the governing board of
7 the college or institute, provided that the final payment must be
8 made before the beginning of the last week of the summer term.

9 (c) The governing board may assess and collect incidental
10 fees for students utilizing the payment alternative authorized by
11 [(2) under] Subsection (a)(2) and the alternatives authorized by
12 [(1) and (2) under] Subsection (b) [of this section] and for
13 students delinquent in payments. The fees must reasonably reflect
14 the cost to the institution of handling those payments.

15 (f) In this section, "public junior college," "public
16 technical institute," and "public state college" have the meanings
17 assigned by Section 61.003.

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, this
22 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
23 legislative session.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 993 was passed by the House on April 7, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 993 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor