

1-1 By: Gonzales, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 993
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1-3 first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;
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1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the installment payment of tuition and fees charged by a
1-10 public junior college, public technical institute, or public state
1-11 college for a summer term.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 54.007, Education Code, is amended by
1-14 amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (f) to read
1-15 as follows:

1-16 (b) The governing board of each institution of higher
1-17 education may permit ~~[for]~~ the payment of tuition and fees during a
1-18 ~~[12-week]~~ summer term ~~[and a 16-week summer term]~~ through the
1-19 following alternatives:

1-20 (1) for a student enrolled for a ~~[12-week]~~ summer term
1-21 of 12 weeks or longer that is not covered by Subdivision (2),
1-22 one-half payment of tuition and fees in advance of the beginning of
1-23 the summer term, one-quarter payment before the beginning of the
1-24 fifth class week, and the final one-quarter payment before the
1-25 beginning of the ninth class week; ~~or~~

1-26 (2) for a student enrolled for a ~~[16-week]~~ summer term
1-27 of 16 weeks or longer, one-half payment of tuition and fees in
1-28 advance of the beginning of the summer term, one-quarter payment
1-29 before the beginning of the sixth class week, and the final
1-30 one-quarter payment before the beginning of the 11th class week;
1-31 and

1-32 (3) for a student enrolled for a summer term not
1-33 covered by Subdivision (1) or (2) in a public junior college, public
1-34 technical institute, or public state college, one-half payment of
1-35 tuition and fees in advance of the beginning of the summer term and
1-36 the remaining amount in one or two later payments to be made in the
1-37 percentages and by the dates determined by the governing board of
1-38 the college or institute, provided that the final payment must be
1-39 made before the beginning of the last week of the summer term.

1-40 (c) The governing board may assess and collect incidental
1-41 fees for students utilizing the payment alternative authorized by
1-42 ~~[(2) under]~~ Subsection (a)(2) and the alternatives authorized by
1-43 ~~[(1) and (2) under]~~ Subsection (b) ~~[of this section]~~ and for
1-44 students delinquent in payments. The fees must reasonably reflect
1-45 the cost to the institution of handling those payments.

1-46 (f) In this section, "public junior college," "public
1-47 technical institute," and "public state college" have the meanings
1-48 assigned by Section 61.003.

1-49 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-50 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-51 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-52 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-53 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
1-54 legislative session.

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