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H.B. No. 1214

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to tuition and other charges and fees imposed by the governing board of a junior college district.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.002, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 54.002. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. The provisions of this chapter apply to all institutions of higher education, except that as to junior colleges this chapter applies only to the extent provided by Chapter 130 or to the extent that a provision of this chapter expressly applies to junior colleges [~~Section 130.003(b) of this code~~].

SECTION 2. Section 54.051(n), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(n) Tuition for a resident student registered in a public junior college is determined by the governing board of each institution, but the tuition may not be less than \$8 for each semester credit hour and may not total less than \$25 for a semester. Tuition for a nonresident student is determined by the governing board of each institution but the tuition may not be less than \$200 for each semester. The governing board of a public junior college may set a different tuition rate for each program, course, or course level offered by the institution, including a program, course, or course level described by another provision of this section, as the

1 governing board considers appropriate to reflect course costs or to
2 promote efficiency or another rational purpose.

3 SECTION 3. Section 54.051(n), Education Code, as amended by
4 this Act, applies beginning with tuition charged for the 2005 fall
5 semester. Tuition charged for an academic period before the 2005
6 fall semester is covered by the law in effect immediately before the
7 effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in
8 effect for that purpose.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.