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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a tuition and fee exemption for students earning
3 semester credit hours through concurrent enrollment in high school
4 and college-level courses.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 54.2161 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 54.2161. STUDENTS EARNING SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF
9 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS THROUGH CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT. (a) In this
10 section, "concurrent enrollment" means enrollment in a course for
11 which a student is entitled to simultaneously receive both:

12 (1) course credit toward the student's high school
13 academic requirements; and

14 (2) course credit toward a degree offered by an
15 institution of higher education.

16 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the governing
17 board of an institution of higher education shall exempt from the
18 payment of tuition and required fees an undergraduate student who
19 has earned through concurrent enrollment at least 59 semester
20 credit hours or the equivalent if the student:

21 (1) graduated from a public high school in this state;

22 (2) is a resident of this state for purposes of
23 Subchapter B or is otherwise entitled to pay tuition at the rate
24 provided for residents of this state; and

1 (3) before enrolling in the institution, meets
2 applicable assessment standards described by Section 51.3062(f) on
3 an assessment instrument designated by the Texas Higher Education
4 Coordinating Board for purposes of Section 51.3062.

5 (c) A student may not receive an exemption under this
6 section for more than 60 semester credit hours or the equivalent.

7 (d) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
8 adopt:

9 (1) rules governing the granting or denial of an
10 exemption under this section, including rules relating to the
11 determination of eligibility for an exemption; and

12 (2) a uniform application form for an exemption under
13 this section.

14 SECTION 2. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this
15 section, this Act takes effect beginning with the 2006 fall
16 semester.

17 (b) Not later than January 1, 2006, the Texas Higher
18 Education Coordinating Board shall adopt rules and forms for the
19 administration of Section 54.2161, Education Code, as added by this
20 Act.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.