

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. Subsection (b), Section 130.003, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) To be eligible for and to receive a proportionate share of the appropriation, a public junior college must:

(1) be certified as a public junior college as prescribed in Section 61.063 [~~of this code~~];

(2) offer a minimum of 24 semester hours of vocational and/or terminal courses;

(3) have complied with all existing laws, rules, and regulations governing the establishment and maintenance of public junior colleges;

(4) collect, from each full-time and part-time student enrolled, matriculation and other session fees in the amounts required by law or in the amounts set by the governing board of the junior college district as authorized by this title;

(5) grant, when properly applied for, the scholarships and tuition exemptions provided for in this code; and

(6) for a public junior college established on or after September 1, 1986, levy and collect ad valorem taxes as provided by law for the operation and maintenance of the public

1 junior college.

2 SECTION 2. Section 130.084, Education Code, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 Sec. 130.084. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The governing board
5 [~~of trustees~~] of a junior college district [~~districts~~] shall be
6 governed in the establishment, management, and control of a public
7 [~~the~~] junior college in the district by the general law governing
8 the establishment, management, and control of independent school
9 districts insofar as the general law is applicable.

10 (b) The governing board of a junior college district may set
11 and collect with respect to a public junior college in the district
12 any amount of tuition, rentals, rates, charges, or fees the board
13 considers necessary for the efficient operation of the college,
14 except that a tuition rate set under this subsection must satisfy
15 the requirements of Section 54.051(n). The governing board may set
16 a different tuition rate for each program, course, or course level
17 offered by the college, including a program, course, or course
18 level to which a provision of Section 54.051 applies, as the
19 governing board considers appropriate to reflect course costs or to
20 promote efficiency or another rational purpose.

21 SECTION 3. Subsection (b), Section 130.003, and Section
22 130.084, Education Code, as amended by this Act, apply beginning
23 with tuition charged for the 2005 fall semester. Tuition charged
24 for an academic period before the 2005 fall semester is covered by
25 the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act,
26 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

27 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 532 passed the Senate on April 28, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 532 passed the House, with amendment, on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor