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S.B. No. 532

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 532:

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C.S.S.B. No. 532

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

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

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 130.003(b), Education Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (6) for a public junior college established on or  
23 after September 1, 1986, levy and collect ad valorem taxes as  
24 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. Sections 130.003(b) and 130.084, Education Code,  
22 as amended by this Act, apply beginning with tuition charged for the  
23 2005 fall semester. Tuition charged for an academic period before  
24 the 2005 fall semester is covered by the law in effect immediately  
25 before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is  
26 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.