

1-1 By: Shapiro S.B. No. 532  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 16, 2005;  
1-3 February 28, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Education; April 21, 2005, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 21, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to tuition for a student registered in a public junior  
1-9 college.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (n), Section 54.051, Education Code,  
1-12 is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (n) Tuition for a resident student registered in a public  
1-14 junior college is determined by the governing board of each  
1-15 institution, but the tuition may not be less than \$8 for each  
1-16 semester credit hour and may not total less than \$25 for a semester.  
1-17 Tuition for a nonresident student is determined by the governing  
1-18 board of each institution but the tuition may not be less than \$200  
1-19 for each semester. The governing board of a public junior college  
1-20 may set a different tuition rate for each program, course, or course  
1-21 level offered by the institution, including a program, course, or  
1-22 course level described by another provision of this section.

1-23 SECTION 2. Subsection (n), Section 54.051, Education Code,  
1-24 as amended by this Act, applies beginning with tuition charged for  
1-25 the 2005 fall semester. Tuition charged for an academic period  
1-26 before the 2005 fall semester is covered by the law in effect  
1-27 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former  
1-28 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-29 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-30 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-31 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-32 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-33 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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