

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 1037
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2005; March 21, 2005, read
1-3 first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;
1-4 April 19, 2005, reported favorably to Committee on Education;
1-5 April 22, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-6 Nays 0; April 22, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to tuition rates for Olympic athletes residing and
1-10 training in Texas.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Section 54.073 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 54.073. TUITION RATES FOR OLYMPIC ATHLETES. (a) A
1-15 person enrolled in an institution of higher education is entitled
1-16 to pay tuition and fees at the rates provided for Texas residents if
1-17 the person:

1-18 (1) is in residence and in training as a participating
1-19 athlete in a Community Olympic Development Program or at a United
1-20 States Olympic training center located in this state;

1-21 (2) is residing permanently or temporarily in this
1-22 state while in training as a participating athlete:

1-23 (A) in a Community Olympic Development Program
1-24 located in this state; or

1-25 (B) at a United States Olympic training center
1-26 located in this state in a program approved by the governing body
1-27 for the athlete's Olympic sport; or

1-28 (3) is residing permanently or temporarily in this
1-29 state while in training as a participating athlete at a facility in
1-30 this state approved by the governing body for the athlete's Olympic
1-31 sport, in a program approved by that body.

1-32 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, a person who is entitled
1-33 to pay resident tuition and fees only as permitted by this section
1-34 is not considered a Texas resident under this subchapter for
1-35 purposes of a financial aid program offered by this state.

1-36 SECTION 2. Section 54.073, Education Code, as added by this
1-37 Act, applies beginning with tuition and other fees charged for the
1-38 2005 fall semester. Tuition and other fees charged for an academic
1-39 period before the 2005 fall semester are covered by the law in
1-40 effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the
1-41 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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