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H.B. No. 544

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to reduced tuition and fees for certain junior college  
3 district students who reside outside of the district.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 130.0032(c), Education Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (c) The governing board of a public junior college district  
8 may allow a person who resides outside the district to pay tuition  
9 and fees at a rate less than the rate applicable to other persons  
10 residing outside the district, but not less than the rate  
11 applicable to a student who resides in the district, if the person:

12 (1) resides within the service area of the district;  
13 and

14 (2) ~~[does not reside in an independent school district~~  
15 ~~that meets the criteria of the coordinating board for the~~  
16 ~~establishment of a junior college district under Section 130.013;~~  
17 ~~and~~

18 ~~[(3)]~~ demonstrates financial need in accordance with  
19 rules adopted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

20 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies  
21 beginning with tuition and fees for the 2007 fall semester. Tuition  
22 and fees for a term or semester before the 2007 fall semester are  
23 covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective date  
24 of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that

1 purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.