

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 201  
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1-6 printer.)

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

1-9 relating to tuition exemptions at public institutions of higher  
1-10 education for certain professional nursing program preceptors and  
1-11 their children.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 54.222, Education Code, is amended by  
1-14 amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (b-1) to  
1-15 read as follows:

1-16 (b) The governing board of an institution of higher  
1-17 education shall exempt from the payment of \$500 of the total amount  
1-18 of tuition a resident of this state enrolled as a student at the  
1-19 institution who:

1-20 (1) is a registered nurse; and

1-21 (2) serves [~~is serving~~] under a written preceptor  
1-22 agreement with an undergraduate professional nursing program as a  
1-23 clinical preceptor for students enrolled in the program.

1-24 (b-1) A person is entitled to an exemption under Subsection  
1-25 (b) for one semester or other academic term for each [the] semester  
1-26 or other academic term during [for] which the person serves as a  
1-27 clinical preceptor as described by Subsection (b). The person may  
1-28 claim the exemption in:

1-29 (1) the semester or other academic term in which the  
1-30 person serves as a clinical preceptor; or

1-31 (2) a different semester or other academic term that  
1-32 begins before the first anniversary of the last day of a semester or  
1-33 other academic term described by Subdivision (1), if the person  
1-34 does not claim the exemption in the semester or other term during  
1-35 which the person serves as a clinical preceptor [exemption is  
1-36 sought].

1-37 (c) The governing board of an institution of higher  
1-38 education shall exempt from the payment of \$500 of the total amount  
1-39 of tuition a resident of this state enrolled as an undergraduate  
1-40 student at the institution who is a child of a person who meets the  
1-41 requirements of Subsection (b) [Subsections (b)(1) and (2)]. The  
1-42 child is entitled to an exemption for one semester or other academic  
1-43 term for each semester or other academic term during which the  
1-44 parent serves as a clinical preceptor. The child may claim the  
1-45 exemption in any semester or other academic term during which the  
1-46 parent could have claimed an exemption under Subsection (b). The  
1-47 child's eligibility for an exemption is not affected by whether the  
1-48 parent also received an exemption under Subsection (b) for the same  
1-49 qualifying service as a clinical preceptor.

1-50 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies  
1-51 beginning with tuition charged for the 2007 fall semester.  
1-52 Beginning with that semester, the governing board of a public  
1-53 institution of higher education shall grant a tuition exemption in  
1-54 accordance with Section 54.222, Education Code, as amended by this  
1-55 Act, regardless of whether the qualifying service as a clinical  
1-56 preceptor occurred before the effective date of this Act. Tuition  
1-57 charged for a semester or term before the 2007 fall semester is  
1-58 covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective date  
1-59 of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
1-60 purpose.

1-61 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-62 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-63 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-64 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2-1 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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