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S.B. No. 516

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to allowing certain military personnel to receive certain
3 federal and state higher education benefits concurrently.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsection (e), Section 54.203, Education Code,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (e) A ~~[The exemption from fees provided for in Subsection~~
8 ~~(a) of this section does not apply to a person if at the time of his~~
9 ~~registration he is eligible for educational benefits under federal~~
10 ~~legislation in effect at the time of his registration if the value~~
11 ~~of those benefits is equal to or exceeds the value of the exemption,~~
12 ~~except that the person must first utilize the federal benefit for~~
13 ~~which he is eligible and the combined amount of the federal benefit~~
14 ~~plus the amount of this waiver shall not exceed the maximum value of~~
15 ~~the waiver. A person is covered by the exemptions if his right to~~
16 ~~benefits under federal legislation is extinguished at the time of~~
17 ~~his registration, except that a] person is not eligible for an~~
18 exemption from fees under this section if the person's right to
19 educational benefits under federal law ~~[legislation]~~ is
20 extinguished because the person is in default of repayment of a loan
21 made to the person under a federal program to provide or guarantee
22 loans for educational purposes. A person is not eligible for the
23 exemption if the person is in default on a loan made or guaranteed
24 for educational purposes by the State of Texas.

1 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies
2 beginning with tuition and fees for the 2007 fall semester. Tuition
3 and fees for a term or semester before the 2007 fall semester are
4 covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective date
5 of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that
6 purpose.

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