

Amend **SB 93** (House committee report) as follows:

(1) Strike the recital to SECTION 1 of the bill (page 1, lines 5 through 7), and substitute:

SECTION 1. Section 54.203, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), (b-1), (d), (g), and (h) and adding Subsections (a-1), (a-2), and (k) to read as follows:

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 54.203, Education Code (page 3, between lines 13 and 14), insert the following:

(a-2) The exemptions provided for in Subsection (a) also apply to the spouse of:

(1) a member of the armed forces of the United States:

(A) who was killed in action;

(B) who died while in service;

(C) who is missing in action;

(D) whose death is documented to be directly caused by illness or injury connected with service in the armed forces of the United States; or

(E) who became totally disabled for purposes of employability according to the disability ratings of the Department of Veterans Affairs as a result of a service-related injury; or

(2) a member of the Texas National Guard or the Texas Air National Guard who:

(A) was killed since January 1, 1946, while on active duty either in the service of this state or the United States; or

(B) is totally disabled for purposes of employability according to the disability ratings of the Department of Veterans Affairs, regardless of whether the member is eligible to receive disability benefits from the department, as a result of a service-related injury suffered since January 1, 1946, while on active duty either in the service of this state or the United States.

(3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 54.203, Education Code, strike amended Subsection (b-1) (page 4, lines 12 through 16) and substitute:

(b-1) To qualify for an exemption under Subsection (a-2) or

(b), the spouse or child [~~a person must be a citizen of Texas and~~  
must be classified as a resident under Subchapter B on [~~have resided~~  
~~in the state for at least 12 months immediately preceding~~] the date  
of the spouse's or child's [~~person's~~] registration.

(4) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 54.203, Education Code (page 4, between lines 22 and 23), insert the following:

(g) The governing board of a junior college district may establish a fee for extraordinary costs associated with a specific course or program and may provide that the exemptions provided by this section [~~Subsections (a) and (b)~~] do not apply to this fee.

(h) The governing board of each institution of higher education shall electronically report to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board the information required by Section 61.0516 relating to each individual receiving an exemption from fees and charges under Subsection (a), (a-2), or (b). The institution shall report the information not later than December 31 of each year for the fall semester, May 31 of each year for the spring semester, and September 30 of each year for the summer session.

(5) Strike SECTION 2 of the bill (page 5, lines 4 through 13) and substitute:

SECTION 2. Section 54.203, Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies beginning with tuition, dues, fees, and other charges for the 2009 fall semester. If a person who becomes eligible for an exemption in that semester under that section has paid the tuition, dues, fees, and other charges for that semester, the institution of higher education shall refund to the student the amount of those charges paid by the person in the amount of the exemption. Tuition, dues, fees, and other charges for a term or semester before the 2009 fall semester are covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.