

Amend Floor Amendment No. 1 (floor substitute) by Representative Branch to **CSSB 175**, by inserting into the amendment the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the amendment accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter A, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.016. FIXED TUITION RATE PLAN FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AUTOMATICALLY ADMITTED TO GENERAL ACADEMIC TEACHING INSTITUTIONS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(2) "General academic teaching institution has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) The governing board of a general academic teaching institution shall provide a fixed tuition rate plan to eligible undergraduate students as provided by this section.

(c) Under a fixed tuition rate plan under this section, a general academic teaching institution may not charge, in a semester or other academic term, an eligible student tuition under Section 54.0513 or under any other law granting the institution discretion to set the tuition rate, at a rate that exceeds the rate the institution charged to the student during the first semester or other academic term that the student enrolled at the institution.

(d) A student enrolled at a general academic teaching institution is eligible to pay tuition under a fixed tuition rate plan provided under this section only if the student:

(1) was, as determined by the institution, admitted to the institution under Section 51.803(a) or (a-1);

(2) has completed at least one semester or other academic term at the institution; and

(3) is currently, and at all times while enrolled at the institution has been, a resident of this state for purposes of Subchapter B or was otherwise entitled to pay tuition at the rate provided for residents of this state.

(e) A student enrolled at a general academic teaching institution is not eligible to pay tuition under a fixed tuition rate plan offered under this section after:

(1) the fourth anniversary of the date the student first enrolls at any public institution of higher education, regardless of whether the student transfers among any public or private institutions of higher education after the initial enrollment, if the student is enrolled in a degree program of four years or less; or

(2) the fifth anniversary of the date the student first enrolls at any public institution of higher education, regardless of whether the student transfers among any public or private institutions of higher education after the initial enrollment, if the student is enrolled in a degree program of more than four years.

(f) Each general academic teaching institution shall notify each entering undergraduate student of the eligibility requirements for a fixed tuition rate plan under this section.

(g) In consultation with the general academic teaching institutions, the coordinating board shall adopt any rules the coordinating board considers appropriate for the administration of this section.

(h) This section does not apply to a student who enters a general academic teaching institution for the first time before the 2010 fall semester. This subsection expires January 1, 2016.