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H.B. No. 4244

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to resident tuition rates for certain competitive scholarship recipients at public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.064, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) An institution of higher education may charge a nonresident [A] student who holds a competitive scholarship of at least \$1,000 for the academic year or summer term for which the student is enrolled resident tuition and fees [~~and who is either a nonresident or a citizen of a country other than the United States of America is entitled to pay the fees and charges required of Texas residents~~] without regard to the length of time the student has resided in Texas. The student must compete with other students, including Texas residents, for the scholarship and the scholarship must be awarded by a scholarship committee officially recognized by the administration and be approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under criteria developed by the coordinating board.

(c) A student who would be entitled to pay resident tuition in the 2009-2010 academic year under this section as this section existed on January 1, 2009, because the student is awarded a competitive scholarship for that academic year in the amount

1 prescribed by Subsection (a) before the beginning of the 2009 fall
2 semester is entitled to continue to pay resident tuition under this
3 section as this section existed on January 1, 2009, in each semester
4 or other term in which the student is awarded such a scholarship, as
5 long as the student remains enrolled in the same certificate or
6 degree program. This subsection expires August 1, 2014.

7 SECTION 2. 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, 2009.