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H.B. No. 4244

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to resident tuition for competitive scholarship recipients.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.064, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A student who holds a competitive scholarship of at least \$1,000 for the academic year or summer for which the student is enrolled and who is either a nonresident or a citizen of a country other than the United States of America ~~is entitled~~ may be allowed by the institution 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 board.

(b) The total number of students at an institution paying resident tuition under this section for a particular semester may not exceed five percent of the total number of students registered at the institution for the same semester of the preceding academic year.

(c) A student who received resident tuition under this section in the 2009-2010 academic year is entitled to continue to

1 pay resident tuition under this section as it existed on January 1,
2 2009, as long as the student remains enrolled in the same
3 certificate or degree program. This subsection expires August 1,
4 2014.

5 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
6 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
7 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
8 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
9 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.