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H.B. No. 4254

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to limitations on the tuition rate charged to certain
3 transfer students at general academic teaching institutions.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 54.0514 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 54.0514. LIMITATIONS ON TUITION RATE CHARGED TO
8 CERTAIN TRANSFER STUDENTS AT FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS. (a) In this
9 section:

10 (1) "General academic teaching institution," "public
11 junior college," "public technical institute," and "public state
12 college" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

13 (2) "Tuition" includes:

14 (A) tuition for which the rates are prescribed by
15 this chapter; and

16 (B) tuition charged by an institution of higher
17 education under Section 54.0513 or another law authorizing an
18 institution to establish tuition rates.

19 (b) A four-year general academic teaching institution may
20 not charge a student who transferred to the institution from a
21 public junior college, public technical institute, or public state
22 college a tuition rate for a semester or other academic term that
23 exceeds the rate that the institution would have charged to a
24 similarly situated student for the semester or other academic term

1 in which the transfer student initially enrolled in the sending
2 institution.

3 (c) Subsection (b) does not apply to a transfer student
4 after the later of:

5 (1) the third anniversary of the date the student
6 initially enrolled in the sending institution; or

7 (2) the first anniversary of the date the student was
8 awarded a two-year certificate or degree by the sending
9 institution.

10 (d) For purposes of this section, students are similarly
11 situated if they share the same residency status, degree program,
12 course load, course level, tuition exemption status, and other
13 circumstances affecting the tuition charged to the student.

14 (e) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may adopt
15 rules as necessary to administer this section.

16 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with tuition charged
17 by four-year general academic teaching institutions for the
18 2010-2011 academic year.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.