

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 45
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 10, 2008; March 13, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
1-4 April 16, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4,
1-5 Nays 0; April 16, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to tuition exemptions at public institutions of higher
1-9 education for students enrolled in certain interinstitutional
1-10 academic programs.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Section 54.224 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 54.224. INTERINSTITUTIONAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS.

1-15 (a) In this section:

1-16 (1) "Interinstitutional academic program" means a
1-17 program under which a student may, in accordance with a written
1-18 agreement between an institution of higher education and one or
1-19 more other institutions of higher education or private or
1-20 independent institutions of higher education, take courses at each
1-21 institution that is a party to the agreement as necessary to fulfill
1-22 the program's degree or certificate requirements.

1-23 (2) "Private or independent institution of higher
1-24 education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

1-25 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
1-26 the governing board of an institution of higher education may
1-27 exempt from the payment of tuition and required fees authorized by
1-28 this chapter a student who is taking a course, including an
1-29 interdisciplinary course, at the institution under an
1-30 interinstitutional academic program agreement but who is enrolled
1-31 primarily at another institution of higher education or at a
1-32 private or independent institution of higher education that is a
1-33 party to the agreement and to which the student is responsible for
1-34 the payment of tuition and fees.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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