

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 46
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 10, 2008; March 13, 2009,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
1-4 April 20, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; April 20, 2009,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 46 By: Zaffirini

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to tuition exemptions at public institutions of higher
1-11 education for certain students who volunteer for outreach programs.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
1-14 amended by adding Section 54.223 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 54.223. STUDENTS VOLUNTEERING FOR OUTREACH PROGRAMS.

1-16 (a) The governing board of an institution of higher education may
1-17 exempt from the payment of tuition and fees for one course offered
1-18 by the institution per semester or other term any student enrolled
1-19 in the institution who:

1-20 (1) is 55 years of age or older;

1-21 (2) is a resident of this state for purposes of this
1-22 title or entitled to pay tuition at the rate provided by this
1-23 chapter for residents of this state; and

1-24 (3) serves as a volunteer for at least 10 hours per
1-25 week or 40 hours per month for an outreach, mentoring, or
1-26 recruitment program that is designed to assist or encourage:

1-27 (A) persons to be admitted to and attend
1-28 institutions of higher education;

1-29 (B) students who are currently enrolled in
1-30 institutions of higher education to complete their degree programs;
1-31 or

1-32 (C) students who are enrolled in developmental
1-33 coursework to successfully complete that coursework.

1-34 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
1-35 adopt rules necessary for the administration of this section.

1-36 SECTION 2. (a) Section 54.223, Education Code, as added by
1-37 this Act, applies beginning with the 2010 spring semester.

1-38 (b) Not later than December 1, 2009, the Texas Higher
1-39 Education Coordinating Board shall adopt the initial rules required
1-40 by Section 54.223, Education Code, as added by this Act.

1-41 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-42 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-43 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-44 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-45 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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