

By: Ellis

S.B. No. 113

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to resident tuition rates at public institutions of higher education for certain veterans and their dependents.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.058, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (k) and (l) to read as follows:

(k) The following persons are entitled to pay tuition and fees at an institution of higher education at the rates provided for Texas residents without regard to the length of time the person has resided in this state so long as the person maintains a domicile in this state during each semester or other term in which the person is enrolled in the institution:

(1) a person who:

(A) is eligible for benefits under the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 (Pub. L. No. 110-252) or any other federal law authorizing educational benefits for veterans; and

(B) during enrollment participates in:

(i) a community service program approved under rules of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; or

(ii) an internship or cooperative education program administered by the institution; and

(2) a person who:

(A) is the spouse or a dependent child of a person

1 described by Subdivision (1)(A); and

2 (B) during enrollment participates in:

3 (i) a community service program approved
4 under rules of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; or

5 (ii) an internship or cooperative education
6 program administered by the institution.

7 (1) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
8 adopt rules for the administration of Subsection (k), including
9 rules for the approval of community service programs for purposes
10 of that subsection.

11 SECTION 2. (a) Section 54.058(k), Education Code, as added
12 by this Act, applies beginning with tuition and other fees charged
13 for the first term or semester that begins after the effective date
14 of this Act, but not earlier than the 2009 fall semester. Tuition
15 and other fees charged for an academic period before that term or
16 semester are covered by the law in effect immediately before the
17 effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in
18 effect for that purpose.

19 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
20 adopt rules as provided by Section 54.058(1), Education Code, as
21 added by this Act, as soon as practicable after this Act takes
22 effect. For that purpose, the coordinating board may adopt the
23 initial rules in the manner provided by law for emergency rules.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.