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S.B. No. 200

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to providing resident tuition at public institutions of
3 higher education for certain military veterans and their
4 dependents.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 54.058(i), Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (i) A former member of the Armed Forces of the United States
9 or the former member's spouse or dependent child is entitled to pay
10 the tuition fees and other fees or charges provided for Texas
11 residents for any term or semester at a state institution of higher
12 education [~~that begins before the first anniversary of the member's~~
13 ~~separation from the Armed Forces~~] if the former member[+]

14 [~~(1)~~] has retired, [~~or~~] been honorably discharged or
15 separated, or received a general discharge under honorable
16 conditions from the Armed Forces[+ and

17 [~~(2) has complied with the requirements of Subsection~~
18 ~~(d)~~].

19 SECTION 2. Section 54.058(i), Education Code, as amended by
20 this Act, applies beginning with tuition and other fees charged for
21 the first term or semester that begins after the effective date of
22 this Act, but not earlier than the 2009 fall semester. Tuition and
23 other fees charged for an academic period before that term or
24 semester are covered by the law in effect immediately before the

1 effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in
2 effect for that purpose.

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