

1-1 By: Averitt S.B. No. 847
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 13, 2009; March 4, 2009,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
1-4 March 23, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,
1-5 Nays 0; March 23, 2009, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to applicability of fee exemptions for military personnel
1-9 and their children to certain course fees charged by public
1-10 technical institutes and public state colleges.

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

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (g), Section 54.203, Education Code,
1-13 is amended to read as follows:

1-14 (g) The governing board of a public junior college, public
1-15 technical institute, or public state college, as those terms are
1-16 defined by Section 61.003, [~~district~~] may establish a fee for
1-17 extraordinary costs associated with a specific course or program
1-18 and may provide that the exemptions provided by Subsections (a) and
1-19 (b) do not apply to this fee.

1-20 SECTION 2. Section 54.203, Education Code, as amended by
1-21 this Act, applies beginning with fees charged for the 2009 fall
1-22 semester. Fees charged for an academic period before that semester
1-23 are covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective
1-24 date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that
1-25 purpose.

1-26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-28 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-29 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-30 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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