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S.B. No. 2244

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the eligibility of employees of certain businesses or  
3 organizations established as part of the state's economic  
4 development program and of dependents of those employees to pay  
5 resident tuition at public institutions of higher education.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 54.066, Education Code, is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 54.066. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSIFICATION.

10 (a) A person who registers at an institution of higher education  
11 without having established resident status in this state under  
12 Section 54.052 is entitled to pay tuition and required fees at the  
13 rate provided for residents of this state if:

14 (1) the person or, as determined by coordinating board  
15 rule, an adult member of the person's family who resides in the  
16 person's household and is a primary caretaker of the person  
17 establishes by the institution's enrollment date a residence in  
18 this state as a result of the person's or caretaker's employment by  
19 a business or organization that, not earlier than five years before  
20 the enrollment date, became established in this state as part of the  
21 program of state economic development and diversification  
22 authorized by the law of this state; and

23 (2) the person files with that institution of higher  
24 education a letter of intent to establish residency in this state.

1       (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in  
2 consultation with the Texas Economic Development and Tourism  
3 Office, shall establish procedures to determine:

4           (1) whether a business or organization meets the  
5 requirements of this section; and

6           (2) the date on which the business or organization  
7 became established in this state as part of the program of state  
8 economic development and diversification.

9       SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
10 54.066, Education Code, applies beginning with tuition and required  
11 fees for the fall 2010 semester. Tuition and fees for a semester or  
12 other academic term before that semester are covered by the law in  
13 effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the  
14 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

15       SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2010.