

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 2244
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2009; March 31, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
1-4 April 16, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,
1-5 Nays 0; April 16, 2009, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the eligibility of employees of certain businesses or
1-9 organizations established as part of the state's economic
1-10 development program and of dependents of those employees to pay
1-11 resident tuition at public institutions of higher education.

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

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 54.066, Education Code, is amended to
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 54.066. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSIFICATION.

1-16 (a) A person who registers at an institution of higher education
1-17 without having established resident status in this state under
1-18 Section 54.052 is entitled to pay tuition and required fees at the
1-19 rate provided for residents of this state if:

1-20 (1) the person or, as determined by coordinating board
1-21 rule, an adult member of the person's family who resides in the
1-22 person's household and is a primary caretaker of the person
1-23 establishes by the institution's enrollment date a residence in
1-24 this state as a result of the person's or caretaker's employment by
1-25 a business or organization that, not earlier than five years before
1-26 the enrollment date, became established in this state as part of the
1-27 program of state economic development and diversification
1-28 authorized by the law of this state; and

1-29 (2) the person files with that institution of higher
1-30 education a letter of intent to establish residency in this state.

1-31 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in
1-32 consultation with the Texas Economic Development and Tourism
1-33 Office, shall establish procedures to determine:

1-34 (1) whether a business or organization meets the
1-35 requirements of this section; and

1-36 (2) the date on which the business or organization
1-37 became established in this state as part of the program of state
1-38 economic development and diversification.

1-39 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
1-40 54.066, Education Code, applies beginning with tuition and required
1-41 fees for the fall 2010 semester. Tuition and fees for a semester or
1-42 other academic term before that semester are covered by the law in
1-43 effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the
1-44 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-45 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2010.

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