

1-1 By: Patrick (Senate Sponsor - Gallegos) H.B. No. 1053  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2011;  
1-3 April 29, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher  
1-4 Education; May 23, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 23, 2011, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the tuition exemption offered by public institutions of  
1-9 higher education to firefighters enrolled in certain courses.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 54, Education Code, is  
1-12 amended by adding Section 54.2082 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 54.2082. FIRE SCIENCE TUITION EXEMPTION ADVISORY  
1-14 COMMITTEE. (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
1-15 shall establish an advisory committee to develop recommendations  
1-16 for the implementation of the tuition exemption for students  
1-17 enrolled in courses offered as part of a fire science curriculum  
1-18 offered under Section 54.208, as amended by Chapters 1285 (H.B.  
1-19 2013) and 1299 (H.B. 2347), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular  
1-20 Session, 2009, including a determination of the definition and  
1-21 scope of fire science curriculum.

1-22 (b) The advisory committee must be composed of members from  
1-23 institutions of higher education, experts in the fire sciences, and  
1-24 firefighters.

1-25 (c) The advisory committee may request the cooperation and  
1-26 assistance of state agencies in preparing recommendations under  
1-27 this section.

1-28 (d) Not later than September 1, 2012, the advisory committee  
1-29 shall issue a report of its recommendations to the lieutenant  
1-30 governor, the speaker of the house, each standing committee of the  
1-31 legislature with jurisdiction over higher education, and the Texas  
1-32 Higher Education Coordinating Board.

1-33 (e) This section expires January 1, 2013.

1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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