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H.B. No. 2201

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a fixed tuition rate provided by general academic teaching institutions to certain undergraduate students.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.016. FIXED TUITION RATE FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AT GENERAL ACADEMIC TEACHING INSTITUTIONS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(2) "General academic teaching institution" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter and except as otherwise provided by this section, for a semester or other academic term, the governing board of a general academic teaching institution may not charge tuition to an undergraduate student at a rate that exceeds the rate the institution charged to the student during the first semester or other academic term that the student enrolled at the institution if the student is currently and at all times while enrolled at the institution has been a resident of this state for purposes of Subchapter B or was otherwise entitled to pay tuition at the rate provided for residents of this state.

(c) Subsection (b) does not apply to a student after the

1 fifth anniversary of the date the student first enrolls at any  
2 public institution of higher education, regardless of whether the  
3 student transfers among any public or private institutions of  
4 higher education after the initial enrollment.

5 (d) Each general academic teaching institution shall notify  
6 each entering undergraduate student, including each undergraduate  
7 student who transfers to the institution, of the eligibility  
8 requirements for a fixed tuition rate under this section.

9 (e) In consultation with the general academic teaching  
10 institutions, the coordinating board shall adopt any rules the  
11 coordinating board considers appropriate for the administration of  
12 this section.

13 (f) This section does not apply to a student who enters a  
14 general academic teaching institution for the first time before the  
15 2011 fall semester. This subsection expires January 1, 2018.

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