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S.B. No. 774

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to exemptions for disabled peace officers from the payment  
3 of tuition and fees at public institutions of higher education.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 54.2041(a), Education Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) The governing board of an institution of higher  
8 education shall ~~may~~ exempt a student from the payment of tuition  
9 and ~~required~~ fees ~~[authorized by this chapter]~~ for a course for  
10 which space is available if the student:

11 (1) is a resident of this state and has resided in this  
12 state for the 12 months immediately preceding the beginning of the  
13 semester or session for which an exemption is sought;

14 (2) is permanently disabled as a result of an injury  
15 suffered during the performance of a duty as a peace officer of this  
16 state or a political subdivision of this state; and

17 (3) is unable to continue employment as a peace  
18 officer because of the disability.

19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an  
20 exemption from tuition and fees beginning with the 2011 fall  
21 semester.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.