

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 774
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 18, 2011; March 1, 2011,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
1-4 May 12, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; May 12, 2011, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to exemptions for disabled peace officers from the payment
1-9 of tuition and fees at public institutions of higher education.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 54.2041, Education Code,
1-12 is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) The governing board of an institution of higher
1-14 education shall ~~[may]~~ exempt a student from the payment of tuition
1-15 and ~~[required]~~ fees ~~[authorized by this chapter]~~ for a course for
1-16 which space is available if the student:

1-17 (1) is a resident of this state and has resided in this
1-18 state for the 12 months immediately preceding the beginning of the
1-19 semester or session for which an exemption is sought;

1-20 (2) is permanently disabled as a result of an injury
1-21 suffered during the performance of a duty as a peace officer of this
1-22 state or a political subdivision of this state; and

1-23 (3) is unable to continue employment as a peace
1-24 officer because of the disability.

1-25 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an
1-26 exemption from tuition and fees beginning with the 2011 fall
1-27 semester.

1-28 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-29 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-30 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-31 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-32 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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