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S.B. No. 1272

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to tuition rates and formula funding for certain
3 nonresident students enrolled at Texas A&M University--Texarkana.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsections (a) and (f), Section 54.060,
6 Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The nonresident tuition fee prescribed by this chapter
8 does not apply to a nonresident student who is a resident of
9 Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, or Oklahoma and who registers in
10 Texas A&M University--Texarkana [~~a public upper-level institution~~
11 ~~of higher education~~], Lamar State College--Orange, Lamar State
12 College--Port Arthur, a Texas public junior college, or a public
13 technical institute, if the institution [~~that~~] is situated in a
14 county immediately adjacent to the state in which the nonresident
15 student resides. The nonresident tuition fee prescribed by this
16 chapter does not apply to a nonresident student who is a resident of
17 New Mexico or Oklahoma and who registers in a public technical
18 institute that is situated in a county that is within 100 miles of
19 the state in which the nonresident student resides and who is
20 admitted for the purpose of utilizing available instructional
21 facilities. The nonresident student described in this subsection
22 shall pay an amount equivalent to the amount charged a Texas student
23 registered at a similar school in the state in which the nonresident
24 student resides. [~~For purposes of this subsection, "public~~

1 ~~upper-level institution of higher education" means an institution~~
2 ~~of higher education that offers only junior-level and senior-level~~
3 ~~courses or only junior-level, senior-level, and graduate-level~~
4 ~~courses.]~~

5 (f) The payment of resident tuition at Texas A&M
6 University--Texarkana, Lamar State College--Orange, Lamar State
7 College--Port Arthur, or a public technical institute as authorized
8 by Subsection (a) or at an institution of higher education as
9 authorized by Subsection (g) does not affect the constitutionally
10 dedicated funding to which institutions of higher education are
11 entitled under Article VII, Section 17, of the Texas Constitution.

12 SECTION 2. Section 61.059, Education Code, is amended by
13 adding Subsection (n) to read as follows:

14 (n) In the formula applicable to Texas A&M
15 University--Texarkana for funding instruction and operations, the
16 board shall include any semester credit hours taught through
17 distance education to students enrolled at that university who
18 reside in another state and:

19 (1) as permitted by Section 54.060(a), pay tuition at
20 the rate charged to residents of this state; and

21 (2) reside in a county in the other state that is
22 contiguous to the county in which the university is located.

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