

By: Van de Putte

S.B. No. 1734

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of  
3 higher education for certain Texas military veterans.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 54.203, Education Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (a-3) to read as follows:

7 (a-3) Notwithstanding Subsection (a)(4), a person who meets  
8 the requirements of Subsection (a)(4), other than the requirement  
9 that the person must have served on active military duty for more  
10 than the stated number of days, is entitled to the exemption  
11 provided by Subsection (a)(4) regardless of the length of the  
12 member's active military duty if the person was a member of the  
13 Texas National Guard or the Texas Air National Guard who was  
14 assigned to a theater of combat operation with the armed forces of  
15 the United States.

16 SECTION 2. Section 54.203(a-3), Education Code, as added by  
17 this Act, applies beginning with tuition and fees at a public  
18 institution of higher education for the 2011 fall semester.  
19 Tuition and fees for a term or semester before the 2011 fall  
20 semester are covered by the law in effect immediately before the  
21 effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in  
22 effect for that purpose.

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

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.