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H.B. No. 690

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to reimbursing public institutions of higher education for
3 tuition and fee exemptions for certain military personnel and their
4 dependents.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 54.341, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (o) to read as follows:

8 (o) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
9 reimburse an institution of higher education for all or a portion of
10 the cost to the institution in providing exemptions under this
11 section if any legislative appropriation is made to the
12 coordinating board for that purpose. If the amount appropriated,
13 if any, is insufficient to fully reimburse each institution under
14 this subsection for a state fiscal year, the coordinating board
15 shall provide the reimbursements based on the proportionate costs
16 to the institutions in providing the exemptions. The coordinating
17 board may use a reasonable portion of the money appropriated to the
18 coordinating board for the purpose of this subsection, not to
19 exceed one percent, for the costs of administering this subsection.
20 The coordinating board by rule shall establish procedures for an
21 institution to:

22 (1) request reimbursement under this subsection; and
23 (2) submit data requested by the coordinating board as
24 necessary to administer this subsection.

1 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies
2 beginning with tuition and fee exemptions granted for the 2013 fall
3 semester.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.