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

- 23 (1) request reimbursement under this subsection; and
24 (2) submit data requested by the coordinating board as

1 necessary to administer this subsection.

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

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