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H.B. No. 2850

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to exempting certain low-income students from the payment of certain fees at a public institution of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.369 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.369. FEE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN LOW-INCOME STUDENTS.

(a) Notwithstanding any other law, an institution of higher education shall exempt from the payment of fees authorized under Subchapter E any student who:

(1) is eligible for student financial assistance provided by this state; and

(2) has a family income that is below the federal poverty line.

(b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall adopt rules for the administration of this section.

SECTION 2. Section 54.369, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with fees charged by a public institution of higher education for the 2014-2015 academic year.

SECTION 3. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall adopt any rules necessary under Section 54.369, Education Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after this Act takes effect. For that purpose, the coordinating board may adopt the initial rules in the manner provided by law for emergency rules.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.