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H.B. No. 3145

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility to file for compensation by persons wrongfully imprisoned.

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

SECTION 1. Section 103.003, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 103.054, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 103.054. PAYMENT OF CERTAIN TUITION AND FEES. If requested by the claimant before the seventh anniversary of the date the claimant received the pardon or was granted relief as required by Section 103.001 [~~relevant date described by Section 103.003~~], tuition for up to 120 credit hours, including tuition charged under Section 54.0513, Education Code, or any other law granting an educational institution discretion to set the tuition rate, and any mandatory fees associated with attendance at the institution, charged by a career center or public institution of higher education shall be paid on behalf of the claimant.

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