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H.B. No. 3364

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the payment of resident tuition and fees by certain high school students who enroll in dual credit courses.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.0551 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.0551. RESIDENT TUITION AND FEES FOR CERTAIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN DUAL CREDIT COURSES. (a) This section applies only to a dual credit course or other course for which a student may earn joint high school and college credit.

(b) For purposes of determining the rates of tuition and fees that an institution of higher education may charge a high school student enrolled in a course described by Subsection (a), a high school student is entitled to pay tuition and fees for the course at the rates provided for residents of this state if the student satisfies the requirements of Section 54.052(a)(1). The institution shall determine whether the student is entitled to pay tuition and fees at resident rates under this section without reference to whether the student is a dependent for purposes of Section 54.052(a)(2), and the presumption provided by Section 54.052(b) does not apply to the determination.

(c) This section does not affect the determination of a student's resident status for purposes of this title.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies

1 beginning with tuition and fees charged for the 2013 fall semester.  
2 Tuition and fees charged for a term or semester before the 2013 fall  
3 semester are covered by the law in effect immediately before the  
4 effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in  
5 effect for that purpose.

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