

Amend CSSB 1735 (senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill appropriately:

SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.0514 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.0514. TUITION REDUCTION BASED ON SAVINGS FROM CHANGES TO TUITION EXEMPTIONS FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

(a) In this section:

(1) "General academic teaching institution" and "public state college" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

(2) "Tuition" includes:

(A) tuition for which the rates are prescribed by this chapter; and

(B) tuition charged by an institution of higher education under Section 54.0513 or another law authorizing an institution to establish tuition rates.

(b) This section does not apply to tuition charged by an institution of higher education before the 2016 spring semester.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 54.0513, a general academic teaching institution other than a public state college shall ensure that the tuition rates that would otherwise be charged by the institution for a semester are reduced to reflect any savings to the institution resulting from the passage of S.B. 1735, Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, amending the tuition and fee exemptions required under Section 54.341.

(d) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in consultation with the Legislative Budget Board, by rule shall determine the amount of any savings to an institution of higher education for purposes of Subsection (c).