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H.B. No. 759

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a tuition and fee payment program for certain adopted children enrolled in career schools or colleges.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 132, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 132.026 to read as follows:

Sec. 132.026. TUITION AND FEE REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTAIN ADOPTED STUDENTS FORMERLY IN FOSTER OR OTHER RESIDENTIAL CARE. (a) In this section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) Using funds appropriated for that purpose, the commission, in coordination with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, by rule shall establish a program under which the commission may reimburse a student in accordance with Subsection (c) for the payment of tuition and fees to a career school or college if the student would be eligible for an exemption from the payment of tuition and fees to an institution of higher education under Section 54.367.

(c) The reimbursement paid to a student under this section must be paid not later than the seventh day after the date the commission receives notification and verification of a tuition and fee payment made by or on behalf of the student. The rules adopted under this section must prescribe the form and manner of that

1 notification and verification.

2           SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with tuition and fees  
3 charged by a career school or college for the 2017-2018 academic  
4 year.

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, 2017.