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H.B. No. 4241

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to measures to ensure certain adopted students are informed regarding their eligibility for tuition and fee exemptions at certain institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.762, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(j) The board shall ensure that each application form adopted under this section solicits from an applicant the information required for an institution of higher education to determine whether the applicant is eligible for an exemption from tuition and fees under Section 54.367 for adopted students formerly in foster or other residential care.

SECTION 2. Section 54.367, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by rule shall require each institution of higher education to send information about the tuition and fee exemption under this section to each applicant who is determined to be eligible for the exemption by information collected on the applicant's application for admission.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections 51.762 and 54.367, Education Code, apply beginning with applications for admission to institutions of higher education for

1 the 2016-2017 academic year.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.