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H.B. No. 3124

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to tuition and fees charged by The Texas A&M University  
3 System for certain national laboratory or national laboratory  
4 operator employees and dependents.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 54, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 54.369 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 54.369. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; NATIONAL  
9 LABORATORY OR NATIONAL LABORATORY OPERATOR EMPLOYEE OR DEPENDENT.

10 (a) In this section:

11 (1) "Board" means the board of regents of The Texas A&M  
12 University System.

13 (2) "National laboratory" means a national laboratory  
14 owned by the United States Department of Energy.

15 (3) "Operator" means a person awarded a contract to  
16 operate and manage a national laboratory.

17 (b) A person, or the person's dependent, is entitled to pay  
18 tuition and fees at the rates provided for Texas residents when  
19 enrolled in an institution of The Texas A&M University System if the  
20 person is employed by:

21 (1) a national laboratory with whom the board has  
22 entered into a management and operation agreement or academic  
23 affiliation agreement; or

24 (2) the operator of a national laboratory with whom

1 the board has entered into a membership agreement or equivalent  
2 governance document.

3 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies  
4 beginning with tuition and fees charged by The Texas A&M University  
5 System for the 2019 fall semester.

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, 2019.