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S.B. No. 2347

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eliminating resident tuition rates and fees charged to students residing outside of a junior college district.

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

SECTION 1. Sections [130.0032](#)(a) and (c), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The governing board of a junior college district may not charge tuition and fees to a student who resides outside the district at a rate that is less than or the same as the rate of tuition and fees charged to a student who resides in the district [~~The governing board of a public junior college district may allow a person who resides outside the district and who owns property subject to ad valorem taxation by the district, or a dependent of the person, to pay tuition at the rate applicable to a student who resides in the district~~].

(c) The governing board of a public junior college district may allow a person who resides outside the district to pay tuition and fees at a rate less than the rate applicable to other persons residing outside the district, but higher [~~not less~~] than the rate applicable to a student who resides in the district, if the person:

(1) resides within the service area of the district;

(2) does not reside in an independent school district that meets the criteria of the coordinating board for the establishment of a junior college district under Section [130.013](#);

1 and

2 (3) demonstrates financial need in accordance with  
3 rules adopted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

4 SECTION 2. Sections 130.0032(b) and (b-1), Education Code,  
5 are repealed.

6 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
7 130.0032, Education Code, applies beginning with tuition and fees  
8 charged by a junior college district for the 2020-2021 academic  
9 year. Tuition and fees for a semester or term before that academic  
10 year are covered by the law in effect immediately before the  
11 effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in  
12 effect for that purpose.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2020.