

AN ACT

relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain students who were under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.366(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A student is exempt from the payment of tuition and fees authorized in this chapter, including tuition and fees charged by an institution of higher education for a dual credit course or other course for which a high school student may earn joint high school and college credit, if the student:

(1) was under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services:

(A) on the day preceding the student's 18th birthday;

(B) on or after the day of the student's 14th birthday, if the student was also eligible for adoption on or after that day;

(C) on the day the student graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma;

(D) on the day preceding:

(i) the date the student is adopted, if that

1 date is on or after September 1, 2009; or

2 (ii) the date permanent managing
3 conservatorship of the student is awarded to a person other than the
4 student's parent, if that date is on or after September 1, 2009; or

5 (E) during an academic term in which the student
6 was enrolled in a dual credit course or other course for which a
7 high school student may earn joint high school and college credit;
8 and

9 (2) enrolls in an institution of higher education as
10 an undergraduate student or in a dual credit course or other course
11 for which a high school student may earn joint high school and
12 college credit not later than the student's 27th [~~25th~~] birthday.

13 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
14 [54.366\(a\)](#), Education Code, apply beginning with tuition and fees
15 charged for the 2025 fall semester. Tuition and fees charged for a
16 term or semester before the 2025 fall semester are governed by the
17 law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and
18 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

H.B. No. 1211

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1211 was passed by the House on April 30, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 114, Nays 26, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1211 on May 29, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 95, Nays 31, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1211 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 27, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor