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H.B. No. 1925

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain peace officers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.3531, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (e) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) The governing board of an institution of higher education shall exempt from the payment of tuition and laboratory fees charged by the institution for a ~~[criminal justice or law enforcement]~~ course or courses a ~~[an undergraduate]~~ student who:

(1) is employed as a peace officer by this state or by a political subdivision of this state;

(2) is enrolled in a ~~[criminal justice or]~~ law enforcement-related degree program at the institution;

(3) is making satisfactory academic progress toward the student's degree as determined by the institution; and

(4) applies for the exemption at least one week before the last date of the institution's regular registration period for the applicable semester or other term.

(a-1) The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, in consultation with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, shall adopt rules specifying which degree programs are law enforcement-related for purposes of Subsection (a)(2).

1 (e) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
2 adopt[+]

3 [~~(1)~~] rules governing the granting or denial of an
4 exemption under this section, including rules relating to the
5 determination of a student's eligibility for an exemption[~~, and~~

6 [~~(2) a uniform listing of degree programs covered by the~~
7 ~~exemption under this section]~~.

8 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
9 of this Act, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall adopt the
10 rules required by Section 54.3531(a-1), Education Code, as added by
11 this Act.

12 SECTION 3. Section 54.3531, Education Code, as amended by
13 this Act, applies beginning with tuition and other fees charged for
14 the 2025 fall semester. Tuition and other fees charged for an
15 academic period before that semester are governed by the law in
16 effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the
17 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.