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S.B. No. 1338

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of  
3 higher education for the siblings of certain military personnel.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 54.341, Education Code, is amended by  
6 amending Subsections (a-2) and (b-1) and adding Subsection (a-5) to  
7 read as follows:

8 (a-2) The exemptions provided for in Subsection (a) also  
9 apply to the spouse or a sibling of:

- 10 (1) a member of the armed forces of the United States:
- 11 (A) who was killed in action;
  - 12 (B) who died while in service;
  - 13 (C) who is missing in action;
  - 14 (D) whose death is documented to be directly  
15 caused by illness or injury connected with service in the armed  
16 forces of the United States; or
  - 17 (E) who became totally and permanently disabled  
18 or meets the eligibility requirements for individual  
19 unemployability according to the disability ratings of the  
20 Department of Veterans Affairs as a result of a service-related  
21 injury; or

22 (2) a member of the Texas National Guard or the Texas  
23 Air National Guard who:

- 24 (A) was killed since January 1, 1946, while on

1 active duty either in the service of this state or the United  
2 States; or

3 (B) is totally and permanently disabled or meets  
4 the eligibility requirements for individual unemployability  
5 according to the disability ratings of the Department of Veterans  
6 Affairs, regardless of whether the member is eligible to receive  
7 disability benefits from the department, as a result of a  
8 service-related injury suffered since January 1, 1946, while on  
9 active duty either in the service of this state or the United  
10 States.

11 (a-5) A sibling of a member of the armed forces may qualify  
12 for an exemption under Subsection (a-2) only if the member does not  
13 have a spouse or child.

14 (b-1) To qualify for an exemption under Subsection (a-2) or  
15 (b), the spouse, ~~or~~ child, or sibling must be classified as a  
16 resident under Subchapter B on the date of the spouse's, ~~or~~  
17 child's, or sibling's registration.

18 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section  
19 54.341, Education Code, apply beginning with tuition and fees  
20 charged for the 2025 fall semester. Tuition and fees charged for a  
21 term or semester before the 2025 fall semester are covered by the  
22 law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and  
23 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.