

**SENATE AMENDMENTS**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Printing**

By: Wilson

H.B. No. 5646

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to resident tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education for certain students in military-related programs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.224 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.224. RESIDENT TUITION FOR STUDENTS IN MILITARY-RELATED PROGRAMS. (a) A person enrolled at an institution of higher education is entitled to pay tuition and fees at the rates provided for Texas residents if the person is:

(1) enrolled and in good standing in a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program;

(2) enrolled in a corps of cadets, including a corps of cadets at a senior military college; or

(3) enrolled in a corps of midshipmen.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a person who is entitled to pay resident tuition and fees only as permitted by this section is not considered a Texas resident under this subchapter for purposes of a financial aid program offered by this state.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies beginning with tuition and other fees charged for the 2025 fall semester. Tuition and other fees charged for an academic period before that semester are covered by the law in effect immediately

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1 before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is  
2 continued in effect for that purpose.

3       SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

# ADOPTED

MAY 28 2025

*Lately Spaw*  
Secretary of the Senate

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY: Bob Hall

1 Amend H.B. No. 5646 (senate committee printing) by adding the  
2 following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and  
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 51.805, Education Code, is amended by  
5 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

6 (c-1) In making an admissions decision, a senior military  
7 college or other general academic teaching institution that  
8 maintains a corps of cadets as a fraternal organization beyond  
9 training through a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program  
10 shall consider an applicant's intent to enlist in a branch of the  
11 United States armed forces or enroll in the corps of cadets.

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 29, 2025**

**TO:** Honorable Dustin Burrows, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB5646** by Wilson (Relating to resident tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education for certain students in military-related programs.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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It is assumed that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 717 Texas Southern University, 719 Texas State Technical College System Administration, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 775 Texas Woman's University System, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration, 966 Howard College, 978 San Jacinto College

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**FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 22, 2025**

**TO:** Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB5646** by Wilson (Relating to resident tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education for certain students in military-related programs.), **As Engrossed**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 26, 2025**

**TO:** Honorable Terry M. Wilson, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB5646** by Wilson (relating to resident tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education for certain students in military-related programs.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 21, 2025**

**TO:** Honorable Terry M. Wilson, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB5646** by Wilson (Relating to in-state tuition for certain students in military related programs.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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