

CHAPTER 705

H.B. No. 978

An Act relating to the requirements for a public junior college to receive a portion of state appropriations for public junior colleges.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 130.003, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(b) To be eligible for and to receive a proportionate share of the appropriation, a public junior college must:

- (1) be certified as a public junior college as prescribed in Section 61.063 of this code;
- (2) offer a minimum of 24 semester hours of vocational and/or terminal courses;
- (3) have complied with all existing laws, rules, and regulations governing the establishment and maintenance of public junior colleges;
- (4) collect, from each full-time and part-time student enrolled, matriculation and other session fees in the amounts required and provided by law for other state-supported institutions of higher education, except, however, the governing board of a public junior college district may waive the difference in the rate of tuition for nonresident and resident students for a person, and his dependents, who owns property which is subject to ad valorem taxation by the junior college district, that the amount charged nonresidents who have not received a waiver of nonresident tuition need not be greater than the amount so required by law on January 1, 1971, and that notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (b) of Section 54.051 of this code, the minimum tuition charge for resident students shall be \$25;
- (5) grant, when properly applied for, the scholarships and tuition exemptions provided for in this code; and

(6) *for a public junior college established on or after September 1, 1986, levy and collect ad valorem taxes as provided by law for the operation and maintenance of the public junior college* [~~nothing in this section shall be construed to alter, amend, or repeal Section 54.060 of this code~~].

(f) *This section does not alter, amend, or repeal Section 54.060 of this code.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 6, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 26, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 14, 1985

Effective: September 1, 1985