

## CHAPTER 658

## S.B. No. 34

## AN ACT

relating to tuition paid by certain nonresident students enrolled in a public technical institute.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 54.060, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The nonresident tuition fee prescribed in this chapter does not apply to a nonresident student who is a resident of *Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, or Oklahoma* [~~a state situated adjacent to Texas~~] and who registers in any Texas public junior college or public technical institute, as defined by Section 61.003 of this code, that is situated in a county immediately adjacent to the state in which the nonresident student resides. *The nonresident tuition fee prescribed in this chapter does not apply to a nonresident student who is a resident of New Mexico or Oklahoma and who registers in a public technical institute that is situated in a county that is within 100 miles of the state in which the nonresident student resides and who is admitted for the purpose of utilizing available instructional facilities.* The nonresident junior college or public technical institute student described in this section shall pay an amount equivalent to the amount charged a Texas student registered at a similar school in the state in which the nonresident student resides. The nonresident student described in this section shall pay equivalent fees and charges to those charged Texas students registered at a similar institution in the state in which the nonresident student resides, when such student registers at a Texas public senior upper level (those institutions offering only junior, senior, and graduate level programs) institution of higher education located within the Texas public junior college district or within the county in which the public technical institute is located or adjacent to such county and from which the nonresident student has graduated or completed 45 semester credit hours.

SECTION 2. Section 54.060, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

*(e) The payment of resident tuition at a public technical institute as authorized by Subsection (a) of this section does not affect the constitutionally dedicated funding to which institutions of higher education are entitled under Article VII, Section 17, of the Texas Constitution.*

SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 54.060, Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to tuition for the fall semester in 1993 and thereafter.

SECTION 4. 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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on May 13, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 28, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendments, on May 26, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 15, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.