

CHAPTER 228

S.B. No. 846

AN ACT

relating to the participation by institutions of higher education in the national student exchange program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.929 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.929. NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM. (a) In this section:

(1) "General academic teaching institution" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003 of this code.

(2) "National student exchange program" means the program administered by the National Student Exchange, a nonprofit corporation.

(b) General academic teaching institutions may participate in the national student exchange program for the purpose of providing reciprocal educational opportunities for undergraduate students of colleges and universities in the United States.

(c) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may adopt rules relating to the participation of institutions of higher education and students in the national student exchange program.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 54.051 of this code, a nonresident exchange student participating in the program may be charged the resident tuition rate during the period of participation in the program.

(e) A student participating in the program from another state shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 51.306 of this code unless that student becomes a degree-seeking undergraduate student at a Texas public institution of higher education.

(f) A student may not participate in the program for more than one year.

SECTION 2. 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 April 22, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 7, 1993: Yeas 139, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved May 20, 1993.

Effective May 20, 1993.