

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to tuition exemptions at public institutions of higher  
3 education for students enrolled in certain interinstitutional  
4 academic programs.

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

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

8 Sec. 54.224. INTERINSTITUTIONAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS.

9 (a) In this section:

10 (1) "Interinstitutional academic program" means a  
11 program under which a student may, in accordance with a written  
12 agreement between an institution of higher education and one or  
13 more other institutions of higher education or private or  
14 independent institutions of higher education, take courses at each  
15 institution that is a party to the agreement as necessary to fulfill  
16 the program's degree or certificate requirements.

17 (2) "Private or independent institution of higher  
18 education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

19 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,  
20 the governing board of an institution of higher education may  
21 exempt from the payment of tuition and required fees authorized by  
22 this chapter a student who is taking a course, including an  
23 interdisciplinary course, at the institution under an  
24 interinstitutional academic program agreement but who is enrolled

1 primarily at another institution of higher education or at a  
2 private or independent institution of higher education that is a  
3 party to the agreement and to which the student is responsible for  
4 the payment of tuition and fees.

5         SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

S.B. No. 45

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 45 passed the Senate on April 28, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 45 passed the House on May 11, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

20 MAY '09  
Date

RICK PERRY  
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
5:00 O'CLOCK

Secretary of State