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relating to tuition exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain professional nursing program preceptors and their children.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.222, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) The governing board of an institution of higher education shall exempt from the payment of \$500 of the total amount of tuition a resident of this state enrolled as a student at the institution who:

(1) is a registered nurse; and

(2) serves [~~is serving~~] under a written preceptor agreement with an undergraduate professional nursing program as a clinical preceptor for students enrolled in the program.

(b-1) A person is entitled to an exemption under Subsection (b) for one semester or other academic term for each [the] semester or other academic term during [for] which the person serves as a clinical preceptor as described by Subsection (b). The person may claim the exemption in:

(1) the semester or other academic term in which the person serves as a clinical preceptor; or

(2) a different semester or other academic term that

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1 begins before the first anniversary of the last day of a semester or
2 other academic term described by Subdivision (1), if the person
3 does not claim the exemption in the semester or other term during
4 which the person serves as a clinical preceptor [~~exemption is~~
5 sought].

6 (c) The governing board of an institution of higher
7 education shall exempt from the payment of \$500 of the total amount
8 of tuition a resident of this state enrolled as an undergraduate
9 student at the institution who is a child of a person who meets the
10 requirements of Subsection (b) [~~Subsections (b)(1) and (2)]~~. The
11 child is entitled to an exemption for one semester or other academic
12 term for each semester or other academic term during which the
13 parent serves as a clinical preceptor. The child may claim the
14 exemption in any semester or other academic term during which the
15 parent could have claimed an exemption under Subsection (b). The
16 child's eligibility for an exemption is not affected by whether the
17 parent also received an exemption under Subsection (b) for the same
18 qualifying service as a clinical preceptor.

19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies
20 beginning with tuition charged for the 2007 fall semester.
21 Beginning with that semester, the governing board of a public
22 institution of higher education shall grant a tuition exemption in
23 accordance with Section 54.222, Education Code, as amended by this
24 Act, regardless of whether the qualifying service as a clinical
25 preceptor occurred before the effective date of this Act. Tuition
26 charged for a semester or term before the 2007 fall semester is
27 covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective date

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1 of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that
2 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, 2007. _____

David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

Tom Craddick
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 201 passed the Senate on
April 26, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. _____

Latsy Law
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 201 passed the House on
May 17, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two
present not voting. _____

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

15 JUN 07
Date

RICK PERRY
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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ROY WILKINSON
Secretary of State