

1 AN ACT
2 relating to tuition rates for Olympic athletes residing and
3 training in Texas.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 54.073 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 54.073. TUITION RATES FOR OLYMPIC ATHLETES. (a) A
8 person enrolled in The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas
9 Southmost College is entitled to pay tuition and fees at the rates
10 provided for Texas residents if the person:

11 (1) is in residence and in training as a participating
12 athlete in a Community Olympic Development Program or at a United
13 States Olympic training center located in this state;

14 (2) is residing permanently or temporarily in this
15 state while in training as a participating athlete:

16 (A) in a Community Olympic Development Program
17 located in this state; or

18 (B) at a United States Olympic training center
19 located in this state in a program approved by the governing body
20 for the athlete's Olympic sport; or

21 (3) is residing permanently or temporarily in this
22 state while in training as a participating athlete at a facility in
23 this state approved by the governing body for the athlete's Olympic
24 sport, in a program approved by that body.

1 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, a person who is entitled
2 to pay resident tuition and fees only as permitted by this section
3 is not considered a Texas resident under this subchapter for
4 purposes of a financial aid program offered by this state.

5 SECTION 2. Section 54.073, Education Code, as added by this
6 Act, applies beginning with tuition and other fees charged for the
7 2005 fall semester. Tuition and other fees charged for an academic
8 period before the 2005 fall semester are covered by the law in
9 effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the
10 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

Tom Craddick
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1037 passed the Senate on May 3, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Patsy Saw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1037 passed the House, with amendment, on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Robert Hamey
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

17 JUNE '05
Date

RICK PERRY
Governor

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Roger Williams
Secretary of State