

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law restricts lowering tuition for students who demonstrate financial need if they live within an independent school district that meets the criteria of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the establishment of a junior college district and meet certain other criteria.

H.B. 544 eliminates existing language in the statute to allow public junior colleges and community colleges to reduce tuition for all out-of-district students who live in the service area and can demonstrate financial need, provided they meet certain other criteria.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to any state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 130.0032(c), Education Code, to delete existing text as it relates to a person who does not reside in an independent school district that meets the criteria of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the establishment of a junior college district under Section 130.013 (Order to Establish).

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective to the 2007 fall semester.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.