

1-1 By: Wilson (Senate Sponsor - Flores) H.B. No. 3124
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2019;
 1-3 May 7, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
 1-4 Education; May 19, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Creighton	X			
1-8 West	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Buckingham	X			
1-11 Flores	X			
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Powell	X			
1-14 Taylor	X			
1-15 Watson	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to tuition and fees charged by The Texas A&M University
 1-20 System for certain national laboratory or national laboratory
 1-21 operator employees and dependents.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
 1-24 amended by adding Section 54.369 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 54.369. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; NATIONAL
 1-26 LABORATORY OR NATIONAL LABORATORY OPERATOR EMPLOYEE OR DEPENDENT.

1-27 (a) In this section:

1-28 (1) "Board" means the board of regents of The Texas A&M
 1-29 University System.

1-30 (2) "National laboratory" means a national laboratory
 1-31 owned by the United States Department of Energy.

1-32 (3) "Operator" means a person awarded a contract to
 1-33 operate and manage a national laboratory.

1-34 (b) A person, or the person's dependent, is entitled to pay
 1-35 tuition and fees at the rates provided for Texas residents when
 1-36 enrolled in an institution of The Texas A&M University System if the
 1-37 person is employed by:

1-38 (1) a national laboratory with whom the board has
 1-39 entered into a management and operation agreement or academic
 1-40 affiliation agreement; or

1-41 (2) the operator of a national laboratory with whom
 1-42 the board has entered into a membership agreement or equivalent
 1-43 governance document.

1-44 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies
 1-45 beginning with tuition and fees charged by The Texas A&M University
 1-46 System for the 2019 fall semester.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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