

1-1 By: Lujan, et al. H.B. No. 1211
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Menéndez, et al.)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2025;
 1-4 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Education
 1-5 K-16; May 26, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-6 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 26, 2025,
 1-7 sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
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1-18	X			
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1-21 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1211 By: Hagenbuch

1-22 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-23 AN ACT

1-24 relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of
 1-25 higher education for certain students who were under the
 1-26 conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective
 1-27 Services.

1-28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-29 SECTION 1. Section 54.366(a), Education Code, is amended to
 1-30 read as follows:

1-31 (a) A student is exempt from the payment of tuition and fees
 1-32 authorized in this chapter, including tuition and fees charged by
 1-33 an institution of higher education for a dual credit course or other
 1-34 course for which a high school student may earn joint high school
 1-35 and college credit, if the student:

1-36 (1) was under the conservatorship of the Department of
 1-37 Family and Protective Services:

1-38 (A) on the day preceding the student's 18th
 1-39 birthday;

1-40 (B) on or after the day of the student's 14th
 1-41 birthday, if the student was also eligible for adoption on or after
 1-42 that day;

1-43 (C) on the day the student graduated from high
 1-44 school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma;

1-45 (D) on the day preceding:

1-46 (i) the date the student is adopted, if that
 1-47 date is on or after September 1, 2009; or

1-48 (ii) the date permanent managing
 1-49 conservatorship of the student is awarded to a person other than the
 1-50 student's parent, if that date is on or after September 1, 2009; or

1-51 (E) during an academic term in which the student
 1-52 was enrolled in a dual credit course or other course for which a
 1-53 high school student may earn joint high school and college credit;
 1-54 and

1-55 (2) enrolls in an institution of higher education as
 1-56 an undergraduate student or in a dual credit course or other course
 1-57 for which a high school student may earn joint high school and
 1-58 college credit not later than the student's 27th [~~25th~~] birthday.

1-59 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
 1-60 54.366(a), Education Code, apply beginning with tuition and fees

2-1 charged for the 2025 fall semester. Tuition and fees charged for a
2-2 term or semester before the 2025 fall semester are governed by the
2-3 law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and
2-4 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-9 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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