

1-1 By: Wilson (Senate Sponsor - Hall) H.B. No. 5646  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2025;  
 1-3 May 9, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran  
 1-4 Affairs; May 26, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 26, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock	X			
1-8 Parker	X			
1-9 Eckhardt	X			
1-10 Gutierrez	X			
1-11 Hagenbuch	X			
1-12 Hall	X			
1-13 Menéndez	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to resident tuition rates and fees at public institutions  
 1-18 of higher education for certain students in military-related  
 1-19 programs.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 54, Education Code, is  
 1-22 amended by adding Section 54.224 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 54.224. RESIDENT TUITION FOR STUDENTS IN  
 1-24 MILITARY-RELATED PROGRAMS. (a) A person enrolled at an  
 1-25 institution of higher education is entitled to pay tuition and fees  
 1-26 at the rates provided for Texas residents if the person is:

- 1-27 (1) enrolled and in good standing in a Reserve
- 1-28 Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program;
- 1-29 (2) enrolled in a corps of cadets, including a corps of
- 1-30 cadets at a senior military college; or
- 1-31 (3) enrolled in a corps of midshipmen.

1-32 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, a person who is entitled  
 1-33 to pay resident tuition and fees only as permitted by this section  
 1-34 is not considered a Texas resident under this subchapter for  
 1-35 purposes of a financial aid program offered by this state.

1-36 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies  
 1-37 beginning with tuition and other fees charged for the 2025 fall  
 1-38 semester. Tuition and other fees charged for an academic period  
 1-39 before that semester are covered by the law in effect immediately  
 1-40 before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is  
 1-41 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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