

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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H.B. No. 1211

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of  
3 higher education for certain students who were under the  
4 conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective  
5 Services.

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

7 SECTION 1. Sections 54.366(a) and (c), Education Code, are  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (a) A student is exempt from the payment of tuition and fees  
10 authorized in this chapter, including tuition and fees charged by  
11 an institution of higher education for a dual credit course or other  
12 course for which a high school student may earn joint high school  
13 and college credit, if the student[+]

14 [~~(1)~~] was under the conservatorship of the Department  
15 of Family and Protective Services:

16 (1) [~~(A)~~] on the day preceding the student's 18th  
17 birthday;

18 (2) [~~(B)~~] on or after the day of the student's 14th  
19 birthday, if the student was also eligible for adoption on or after  
20 that day;

21 (3) [~~(C)~~] on the day the student graduated from high  
22 school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma;

23 (4) [~~(D)~~] on the day preceding:

24 (A) [~~(i)~~] the date the student is adopted, if

1 that date is on or after September 1, 2009; or

2 (B) [~~(ii)~~] the date permanent managing  
3 conservatorship of the student is awarded to a person other than the  
4 student's parent, if that date is on or after September 1, 2009; or

5 (5) [~~(E)~~] during an academic term in which the student  
6 was enrolled in a dual credit course or other course for which a  
7 high school student may earn joint high school and college credit[~~+~~  
8 and

9 [~~(2) enrolls in an institution of higher education as  
10 an undergraduate student or in a dual credit course or other course  
11 for which a high school student may earn joint high school and  
12 college credit not later than the student's 25th birthday].~~

13 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) [~~(a)(1)~~], a child who  
14 exits the conservatorship of the Department of Family and  
15 Protective Services and is returned to the child's parent,  
16 including a parent whose parental rights were previously  
17 terminated, may be exempt from the payment of tuition and fees if  
18 the department determines that the child is eligible under  
19 department rule. The executive commissioner of the Health and  
20 Human Services Commission shall by rule develop factors for  
21 determining eligibility under this subsection in consultation with  
22 the department and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

23 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section  
24 54.366, Education Code, apply beginning with tuition and fees  
25 charged for the 2025 fall semester. Tuition and fees charged for a  
26 term or semester before the 2025 fall semester are governed by the  
27 law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and

1 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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

ADOPTED

MAY 27 2025

*Lacey Law*  
Secretary of the Senate

By: Menendez

H.B. No. 1211

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1211:

By: [Signature]

C.S. H.B. No. 1211

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

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

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

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

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

(A) on the day preceding the student's 18th birthday;

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

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

(D) on the day preceding:

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

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5 the student's parent, if that date is on or after September 1,  
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7 (E) during an academic term in which the student  
8 was enrolled in a dual credit course or other course for which a  
9 high school student may earn joint high school and college credit;  
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11 (2) enrolls in an institution of higher education as an  
12 undergraduate student or in a dual credit course or other course  
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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 28, 2025**

**TO:** Honorable Dustin Burrows, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1211** by Lujan (Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain students who were under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.), **As Passed 2nd House**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined due to a lack of data on the number of individuals who were under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services who may be eligible for a tuition and fees exemption at an institution of higher education.

The bill would remove enrollment not later than a student's 27th birthday as an eligibility requirement for a tuition and fees exemption at an institution of higher education for certain students who were under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services. Any fiscal impact to institutions of higher education would be dependent on the number of students eligible for such an exemption.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 717 Texas Southern University, 719 Texas State Technical College System Administration, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration, 966 Howard College, 978 San Jacinto College

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**FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 26, 2025**

**TO:** Honorable Brandon Creighton, Chair, Senate Committee on Education K-16

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1211** by Lujan (relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain students who were under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 21, 2025**

**TO:** Honorable Brandon Creighton, Chair, Senate Committee on Education K-16

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1211** by Lujan (Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain students who were under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.), **As Engrossed**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 31, 2025**

**TO:** Honorable Terry M. Wilson, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1211** by Lujan (Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain students who were under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.), **As Introduced**

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