

- SUBJECT:** Providing in-state tuition to certain national laboratory employees
- COMMITTEE:** Higher Education — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — C. Turner, Stucky, Button, Frullo, Howard, E. Johnson, Schaefer, Walle
- 0 nays
- 3 absent — Pacheco, Smithee, Wilson
- WITNESSES:** For — None
- Against — None
- On — Marvin Adams, The Texas A&M University System
- BACKGROUND:** The Texas A&M University System has recently contracted, along with other institutions, to take part in the management and operation of Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico under terms that include the system's provision of certain training and education-related support. The University of Texas has had a similar policy under similar management agreements for other laboratory employees and their dependents.
- DIGEST:** HB 3124 would entitle a person, or the person's dependent, to pay tuition and fees at the rates provided for Texas residents when enrolled in an institution of the Texas A&M University System if the person was employed by:
- a national laboratory owned by the U.S. Department of Energy with whom the board entered into a management and operation agreement or academic affiliation agreement; or
  - the operator of a national laboratory owned by the U.S. Department of Energy with whom the board entered into a membership agreement or equivalent governance document.

The bill would apply beginning with the 2019 fall semester.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2019.