

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 2214
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Committee Report (Amended)

DIGEST

Currently, the Texas Education Code grants veterans and their dependents exemptions from tuition and most fees. The section for continuing education courses states that those exemptions do not apply to courses for which an institution does not receive formula funding, such as correspondence courses. Correspondence courses may serve as a military person's source of a quality education as such a person moves from one installation to another. This bill would grant exemptions from tuition and fees for correspondence courses to individuals currently eligible for exemptions from other courses and fees under Section 54.203, Education Code, relating to educational cost exemptions for certain veterans and dependents of certain veterans.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2214 grants exemptions from tuition and fees for correspondence courses to individuals currently eligible for exemptions from other courses and fees under Section 54.203, Education Code, relating to educational cost exemptions for certain veterans and dependents of veterans.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 54.545, Education Code, by amending Subsection (c), to provide that Subchapters B and D do not apply to a fee charged under this section, except that a governing board of an institution of higher education may grant an exemption provided by Section 54.203 if such an exemption will not result in an increased cost to other students or does not diminish the availability of correspondence courses.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Amendment 1.

Page 1, lines 5-10, replaces SECTION 1, Section 54.545, Education Code, amending Subsection (c), to provide that Subchapters B and D do not apply to a fee charged under this section, except a fee for a correspondence course taken by a student who would qualify for an exemption from tuition under Section 54.203 Education Code, with SECTION 1, Section 54.545, Education Code, amending Subsection (c), to provide that Subchapters B and D do not apply to a fee charged under this section, except that a governing board of an institution of higher education may grant an exemption provided by Section 54.203 if such an exemption will not result in an increased cost to other students or does not diminish the availability of correspondence courses.