

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, children of disabled firefighters and peace officers are exempted from paying tuition and fees at state-supported institutions of higher education. This exemption applies only to the public senior college or university and public junior college which the child first attended. Therefore, lateral transfers to other state-supported institutions of higher education are not covered under this exemption. This bill provides that a child will receive the exemption at any state-supported institution of higher learning.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1092 provides exemptions for children of disabled firemen and peace officers from the payment of tuition and fees at state-supported institutions of higher education.

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 54.204(e), Education Code, to authorize a person entitled to an exemption under this section to use the exemption at any institution of higher education. Prohibits a person from receiving an exemption under this section for more than four semesters at a public junior college. Deletes existing text providing exemptions under this section for students attending certain public senior colleges or universities and public junior colleges.

SECTION 2. Provide that this Act applies to tuition and fees beginning with the 1997 fall semester.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.