House adopted H.C.R. No. 218 authorizing certain corrections in H.B. No. 12 on May 27, 2013: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 12 on May 26, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate adopted H.C.R. No. 218 authorizing certain corrections in H.B. No. 12 on May 27, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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CHAPTER 1129
H.B. No. 29
AN ACT
relating to requiring certain general academic teaching institutions to offer a fixed tuition price plan to undergraduate students.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:
SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.017 to read as follows:
Sec. 54.017. FIXED TUITION PRICE PLAN FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AT CERTAIN GENERAL ACADEMIC TEACHING INSTITUTIONS. (a) In this section, "general academic teaching institution" and "public state college" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.
(b) This section applies only to a general academic teaching institution other than a public state college.
(c) The governing board of an institution to which this section applies shall offer entering undergraduate students, including undergraduate students who transfer to the institution, the opportunity to participate in a fixed tuition price plan under which the institution agrees not to increase tuition charges per semester credit hour for a participating student for at least the first 12 consecutive semesters that occur after the date of the student's initial enrollment at any public or private institution of higher education, regardless of whether the student enrolls at any institution in those semesters, and subject to any restrictions or qualifications adopted by the governing board. For purposes of this section, one or more summer terms occurring in the same summer is considered a semester.
(d) Unless the institution does not offer other tuition payment options, an institution to which this section applies may require an entering undergraduate student to accept or reject participation in the fixed tuition price plan offered under this section before the date of the student's initial enrollment at the institution.
(e) This section does not require an institution to which this section applies to offer a variable tuition price plan or other tuition payment options to undergraduate students enrolled in the institution.
(f) Fees charged by an institution to a student participating in a fixed tuition price plan under this section may not exceed the fees charged by the institution to a similarly situated student who elects not to participate in the plan, if the institution offers other tuition payment options. For purposes of this subsection, students are similarly situated if they share the same residency status, degree program, course load, course level, and other circumstances affecting the fees charged to the students.
(g) This section does not apply to the tuition charged by an institution to which this section applies to a student who enters the institution for the first time before the 2014 fall semester.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If
this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 29 on May 23, 2013, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 29 on May 26, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 1; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 29 on May 27, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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CHAPTER 1130
H.B. No. 628
AN ACT
relating to the right of a member of the board of trustees of a school district to obtain information, documents, and records.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 11.1512, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

(c) A member of the board of trustees of the district, when acting in the member's official capacity, has an inherent right of access to information, documents, and records maintained by the district, and the district shall provide the information, documents, and records to the member without requiring the member to submit a public information request under Chapter 552, Government Code. The district shall provide the information, documents, and records to the member without regard to whether the requested items are the subject of or relate to an item listed on an agenda for an upcoming meeting. The district may withhold or redact information, a document, or a record requested by a member of the board to the extent that the item is excepted from disclosure or is confidential under Chapter 552, Government Code, or other law. This subsection does not require the district to provide information, documents, and records that are not subject to disclosure under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g).

(d) A school district shall post, in a place convenient to the public, the cost of responding to one or more requests submitted by a member of the board of trustees of the district under Subsection (c) if the requests are for 200 or more pages of material in a 90-day period.

(e) The district shall report annually to the Texas Education Agency not later than September 1 of each year:

(1) the number of requests submitted by a member of the board of trustees of the district under Subsection (c) during the preceding school year; and

(2) the total cost to the district for that school year of responding to requests under Subsection (c).

(f) In this section, “official capacity” means all duties of office and includes administrative decisions or actions.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 9, 2013: Yeas 137, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
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