

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 1056  
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### **DIGEST**

Currently, there is waiver for needy Mexican students at general academic institutions in Texas. However, students in lower-division courses at partnership institutions such as the University of Texas-Brownsville are not covered. S.B. 1056 provides that the foreign student tuition fee does not apply to persons who register for lower-division courses at a community or junior college having a partnership agreement pursuant to Chapter 51N, Education Code, with an upper-level university and both institutions are located in the county immediately adjacent to the nation in which the foreign student resides.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1056 provides that the foreign student tuition fee does not apply to persons who register for lower-division courses at a community or junior college having a partnership agreement pursuant to Chapter 51N, Education Code, with an upper-level university and both institutions are located in the county immediately adjacent to the nation in which the foreign student resides.

### **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 54.060(b), Education Code, to provide that the foreign student tuition fee does not apply to persons who register for lower-division courses at a community or junior college having a partnership agreement pursuant to Chapter 51N, Education Code, with an upper-level university and both institutions are located in the county immediately adjacent to the nation in which the foreign student resides.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the fall semester.

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