

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 1037
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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

As proposed, S.B. 1037 allows a person training as an Olympic athlete to be eligible for in-state tuition and fees at institutions of higher education in Texas. The person will be granted in-state tuition as long as the person is training for Olympic competition in Texas or participating in a community Olympic development program. The Olympic program must be approved by the governing body for the athlete's Olympic sport. An out-of-state athlete training in Texas will not be considered a state resident and will not be eligible for a financial aid program provided by the state.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 54, Education Code, by adding Section 54.073, as follows:

Sec. 54.073. TUITION RATES FOR OLYMPIC ATHLETES. (a) Entitles a person enrolled in an institution of higher education to pay tuition and fees at the rates provided for Texas residents if the person meets certain requirements relating to the Community Olympic Development Program or a United States Olympic training center.

(b) Provides that a person who is entitled to pay resident tuition and fees only as permitted by this section is not considered a Texas resident under this subchapter for purposes of a financial aid program offered by this state, notwithstanding any other law.

SECTION 2. Makes application of Section 54.073, Education Code, as added by this Act, prospective to the 2005 fall semester.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.