

The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) proposes to amend rule Title 40, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 700, Subchapter P, Division 3 relating to the Texas Tuition Fee Waiver.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

House Bill (HB) 1211 passed during the 89th Texas Legislature (Regular Session, 2025) amends Texas Education Code Section 54.366, which allows certain youth who have been in foster care to receive free tuition and fees at Texas public institutions of higher education. The bill extends the age of enrollment, and therefore, the time a student is allowed to qualify for free tuition and fees from no later than the student's 25th birthday to no later than the student's 27th birthday for tuition and fees charged for the 2025 fall semester and subsequent semesters. This proposed rule amendment will modify 40 TAC §700.1630, which concerns foster care youth who have returned to their parent, to align with this change.