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TO: Directors of Financial Aid
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RE: Enacted Changes to Adopted Students Formerly in Foster Care

Senate Bill (SB) 1123, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, passed a new provision that now excludes students exempted under Texas Education Code (TEC), Sec. 54.367 (Adopted Students Formerly in Foster or Other Residential Care) from the requirements relating to Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and excessive hours. As a reminder, recipients of exemptions and waivers must meet the SAP and excessive hours requirements outlined in [TEC 54.2001](#). Institutions are encouraged to review their current institutional policies and procedures to ensure compliance when administering the tuition fee waiver for students.

To review the language added in SB 1123, please click on the link:
<https://legiscan.com/TX/text/SB1123/id/1624166>

For questions or concerns, please contact Financial Aid Services at 1-844-792-2640 or [CONTACT US](#). (Select the "Exemptions/Waivers" option in the drop-down selection under **Contact Reason**).

cc: Ken Martin, Assistant Commissioner
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