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To: Directors of Financial Aid, Public Institutions of Higher Education

From: Charles W. Contéro-Puls, EdD, Assistant Commissioner  
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Date: November 17, 2025

Subject: Paramedics Enrolled in Emergency Medical Services Courses  
Exemption Program

[House Bill 1105](#), 89th Texas Legislature, introduces a new exemption program in the [Texas Education Code, Title 3, Section 54.3532](#), that exempts certain paramedics from paying tuition and laboratory fees for eligible emergency medical services courses at public institutions of higher education.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (Coordinating Board) adopted administrative rules for this program in [Texas Administrative Code \(TAC\), Title 19, Chapter 13, Subchapter P](#), at its board meeting on Oct. 23, 2025. The rules became effective on Nov. 13, 2025.

Pursuant to those rules, institutions **are required** to identify emergency medical services degree or certificate programs offered by the institution and submit eligible programs to the Coordinating Board, which will maintain and publish a list on its website.

To submit eligible emergency medical services degree and certificate programs to the Coordinating Board, institutions must use the new [Eligible Degree and Certificate Program Submission Form](#).

Please note that institutions may also submit any changes to listed degree and certificate programs for the [Peace Officers Enrolled in Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice Courses \(TAC Section 13.468\)](#) and [Firefighters Enrolled in Fire Science Courses \(TAC Section 13.469\)](#) through the linked submission form.

For questions, please call 844-792-2640 or submit an online inquiry through [Contact Us](#) (select "Financial Aid Question" for the subject under Contact Reason).