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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to continuing eligibility requirements for institutions of higher education to participate in the Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (T-STEM) Challenge Scholarship Program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 61.9794(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) To maintain eligibility, each year beginning with the third ~~[second]~~ year following implementation of a scholarship program under this subchapter, an institution must demonstrate to the board that at least 70 percent of the institution's most recent graduating class of T-STEM Challenge Scholarship award recipients for which the relevant information is available ~~[graduates, within three months after graduation, are]~~:

(1) have graduated with an associate degree ~~[employed by a business]~~ in a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) field; or

(2) within nine months after graduation, have:

(A) enrolled in upper-division courses leading to a baccalaureate degree in a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) field; or

(B) become employed in this state as shown by the latest available Texas Workforce Commission quarterly employment

1 data.

2 SECTION 2. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
3 shall award scholarships under Subchapter GG, Chapter 61, Education
4 Code, as amended by this Act, beginning with the 2015-2016 academic
5 year.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.