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H.B. No. 4106

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility for a TEXAS Grant and to administration of the TEXAS grant program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56.304, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) A person may not receive a TEXAS grant for more than the greater of:

(1) 135 [150] semester credit hours or the equivalent;
or

(2) 15 semester credit hours or the equivalent in excess of the degree requirements of the degree the person is seeking.

SECTION 2. Section 56.305, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e-2) to read as follows:

(e-2) For purposes of this section, a person who is initially awarded a TEXAS grant during or after the 2017 fall semester makes satisfactory academic progress toward an undergraduate degree or certificate only if:

(1) in the person's first academic year the person meets the satisfactory academic progress requirements of the institution at which the person is enrolled; and

(2) in a subsequent academic year, the person:

(A) completed at least 30 semester credit hours

1 in the student's most recent academic year; and

2 (B) has earned an overall grade point average of
3 at least 2.5 on a four-point scale or the equivalent on coursework
4 previously attempted at institutions of higher education.

5 SECTION 3. Section 56.307, Education Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (f) and subsection (j) to read as follows:

7 (f) The amount of a TEXAS grant may not be reduced by any
8 gift aid for which the person receiving the grant is eligible, other
9 than a federal Pell Grant, unless the total amount of a person's
10 grant plus any gift aid received exceeds the student's financial
11 need.

12 (j) A public institution of higher education shall use other
13 available sources of financial aid, other than a loan or
14 participation in a work-study program, to cover any difference in
15 the amount of a TEXAS grant awarded to the student and the actual
16 amount of tuition and required fees at the institution if the
17 difference results from:

18 (1) a reduction in the amount of a TEXAS grant under
19 Subsection (i-1); or

20 (2) a deficiency in the amount of the grant as
21 established under Subsection (a) or (e), as applicable, to cover
22 the full amount of tuition and required fees charged to the student
23 by the institution.

24 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies to
25 individuals whose initial Texas grant is awarded for the 2018 fall
26 semester or later. Recipients whose initial TEXAS grant was awarded
27 for a semester or term before the 2018 fall semester are governed by

1 the applicable law in effect prior to the 2018 fall semester, and
2 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.