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H.B. No. 3790

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the provision of scholarships by private or independent  
3 institutions of higher education under the Joint Admission Medical  
4 Program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 51.831, Education Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 51.831. COUNCIL AGREEMENT WITH PRIVATE OR INDEPENDENT  
9 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION. (a) Each private or independent  
10 institution of higher education must enter into an agreement with  
11 the council under which the institution agrees to:

12 (1) provide academic counseling to a participating  
13 student or program alternate enrolled at the institution;

14 (2) as soon as practicable, implement or expand  
15 appropriate degree programs as necessary to provide participating  
16 students with sufficient preparation for enrollment in  
17 participating medical schools;

18 (3) select a faculty director or an academic or health  
19 professions advisor to assist in implementing the program at the  
20 institution and in implementing or expanding the institution's  
21 degree programs as necessary under Subdivision (2); and

22 (4) provide a scholarship to a participating student  
23 in the amount required for a participating student attending a  
24 general academic teaching institution, but not to exceed the amount

1 of tuition and fees that the student is charged.

2 (b) In addition to any penalties specified in the agreement,  
3 a private or independent institution of higher education that has  
4 entered an agreement under this section and does not provide the  
5 scholarship required under Subsection (a)(4) to a participating  
6 student may not receive state funding for tuition equalization  
7 grants awarded under Subchapter F, Chapter 61, or for any other  
8 student financial aid beginning with the academic year following a  
9 default under this subsection, subject to Subsection (d).

10 (c) An institution is considered to be in default under  
11 Subsection (b) if the affected student's enrollment in the program  
12 ends before the institution awards and pays to the student the full  
13 amount of scholarship for each year of the student's participation  
14 in the program.

15 (d) A private or independent institution of higher  
16 education in default under this section may receive state funding  
17 for tuition equalization grants and other student financial aid  
18 only for an academic year following an academic year in which:

19 (1) one or more participating students are enrolled at  
20 the institution; and

21 (2) with respect to the students described by  
22 Subdivision (1), the institution has fully complied with the terms  
23 of an agreement entered into under this section.

24 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to the  
25 provision of scholarships pursuant to an agreement under Section  
26 51.831, Education Code, as amended by this Act, beginning with the  
27 2023-2024 academic year.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.