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S.B. No. 579

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to an exemption from certain requirements regarding
3 diversity, equity, or inclusion initiatives for certain
4 scholarships provided by public institutions of higher education.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 51.3525(d), Education Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (d) Subsection (b)(1) may not be construed to apply to:

- 9 (1) academic course instruction;
- 10 (2) scholarly research or a creative work by an
11 institution of higher education's students, faculty, or other
12 research personnel or the dissemination of that research or work;
- 13 (3) an activity of a student organization registered
14 with or recognized by an institution of higher education;
- 15 (4) guest speakers or performers on short-term
16 engagements;
- 17 (5) a policy, practice, procedure, program, or
18 activity to enhance student academic achievement or postgraduate
19 outcomes that is designed and implemented without regard to race,
20 sex, color, or ethnicity;
- 21 (6) data collection; ~~or~~
- 22 (7) student recruitment or admissions; or
- 23 (8) a scholarship funded by private money held in
24 trust by or endowed to an institution of higher education or a

1 foundation affiliated with the institution.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.