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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

relating to the Texas B-On-time student loan program.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 56.465, Education Code, as added by Chapter 779, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The governing board of each institution of higher education shall cause to be set aside five percent of the amount of the tuition charged to a resident undergraduate student at the institution under Section 54.0513 [that is] in excess of \$46 per semester credit hour. The amount of a student's tuition set aside under this subsection is considered a part of the amount required to be set aside from that tuition under Section 56.011 [the amount that would have been charged to the student under that section for the same semester or term in the 2002-2003 academic year].

SECTION 2. Section 8.02, Chapter 1266, Acts of the 78th

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(f-1) In its review, the committee shall evaluate whether students enrolled in private and independent institutions of higher education should remain eligible to receive Texas B-On-time loans under Subchapter Q, Chapter 56, Education Code. The committee shall include the results of its evaluation in the report required by Subsection (i) of this section.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Subsection

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SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.

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