1   AN ACT

2   relating to the ineligibility of a delinquent child support obligor

3   to receive state-funded or state-administered student financial

4   assistance.

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

6   SECTION 1.   Section 231.006, Family Code, is amended by

7   adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (b) to read as

8   follows:

9   (a-1)   A child support obligor who is more than six months

10   delinquent in paying child support is not eligible to receive

11   student financial assistance paid directly to the obligor by the

12   comptroller.   This subsection does not apply to an obligor who

13   submits to the comptroller:

14   (1)   a sworn affidavit from the obligor or obligee

15   stating that the obligor is current on the obligor's child support

16   payments; and

17   (2)   a written statement from the obligor that the

18   obligor has made a request to the Title IV-D agency to correct the

19   errors in the obligor's payment record.

20   (b)   A child support obligor or business entity ineligible to

21   receive payments under Subsection (a) or a child support obligor

22   ineligible to receive payments under Subsection (a-1) remains

23   ineligible until:

24   (1)   all arrearages have been paid; or

1   (2) the obligor is in compliance with a written

2 repayment agreement or court order as to any existing delinquency.

3   SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

4   (b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to

5 student financial assistance paid on or after the effective date of

6 this Act.

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      President of the Senate   Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 529 was passed by the House on May 1, 2003, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 529 on May 26, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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                                              Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 529 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

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                                              Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____
                   Date

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      Governor