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H.B. No. 1211

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to financial assistance for certain intercollegiate athletes.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 56, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter Q to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER Q. TEXAS INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE GRANTS

Sec. 56.451. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "program" means the Texas Intercollegiate Athlete Grant Program at an institution of higher education.

Sec. 56.452. PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT. (a) The governing board of an institution of higher education may establish a Texas Intercollegiate Athlete Grant Program to provide grants to students enrolled at the institution. The institution's financial aid office shall administer the program.

(b) The governing board may adopt rules providing application procedures for a grant under this subchapter.

Sec. 56.453. GRANTS. The program must provide a grant to a qualified student in an amount determined by the governing board of the institution establishing the program not to exceed \$200 a month for the period for which the grant is made.

Sec. 56.454. PROGRAM FUNDING. (a) The governing board of the institution establishing a program shall set aside each academic year not less than five percent or more than 10 percent of

1 the institution's total receipts from athletic activities to be
2 used only for grants awarded to students under this subchapter.

3 (b) A grant provided under this subchapter to a student may
4 not be considered in determining whether the student is entitled to
5 other athletic scholarship aid, including aid for tuition, fees,
6 room, board, or books.

7 Sec. 56.455. ELIGIBILITY. To be eligible to receive a
8 grant under this subchapter, a student must:

9 (1) be enrolled in the institution awarding the grant;
10 and

11 (2) be a recipient of an athletic scholarship awarded
12 by the institution during the period for which the grant is to be
13 awarded.

14 Sec. 56.456. LIMITATIONS ON GRANTS. A grant awarded under
15 this subchapter terminates if the student awarded the grant:

16 (1) becomes ineligible to receive the grant;
17 (2) becomes ineligible to receive the student's
18 athletic scholarship; or

19 (3) ceases to participate in appropriate, scheduled
20 athletic activities of the institution awarding the grant.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.