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H.B. No. 2633

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility to receive a TEXAS grant.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56.304(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) To be eligible initially for a TEXAS grant, a person must:

(1) be a resident of this state as determined by coordinating board rules;

(2) meet any ~~either~~ of the following academic requirements:

(A) be a graduate of a public or accredited private high school in this state who graduated not earlier than the 1998-1999 school year and who completed the recommended or advanced high school curriculum established under Section 28.002 or 28.025 or its equivalent; ~~or~~

(B) have received an associate degree from an eligible institution not earlier than May 1, 2001;

(C) have received an associate degree from an eligible institution before May 1, 2001, with an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 on a four-point scale or the equivalent; or

(D) have completed at least 60 semester credit hours at one or more eligible institutions before the 2001 spring

1 semester with an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 on a
2 four-point scale or the equivalent on all coursework attempted at
3 the eligible institutions;

4 (3) meet financial need requirements as defined by the
5 coordinating board;

6 (4) be enrolled in an undergraduate degree or
7 certificate program at an eligible institution;

8 (5) be enrolled as:

9 (A) an entering undergraduate student for at
10 least three-fourths of a full course load for an entering
11 undergraduate student, as determined by the coordinating board, not
12 later than the 16th month after the date of the person's graduation
13 from high school; or

14 (B) an entering student for at least
15 three-fourths of a full course load for an undergraduate student as
16 determined by the coordinating board, not later than the 12th month
17 after the month the person meets the requirements of Section
18 56.304(a)(2)(B), or at any time after the person meets the
19 requirements of Section 56.304(a)(2)(C) or (D) [~~receives an~~
20 associate degree from an eligible institution];

21 (6) have applied for any available financial aid or
22 assistance; and

23 (7) comply with any additional nonacademic
24 requirement adopted by the coordinating board under this
25 subchapter.

26 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act relating to
27 the eligibility of a person to receive a TEXAS grant applies

1 beginning with students who demonstrate eligibility to receive a
2 grant for the 2003-2004 academic year.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.