

Amend CSSB 31 (Senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill:

SECTION _____. Section 56.303, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) Notwithstanding Subsection (d), a TEXAS grant may not be awarded to a student enrolled in a private or independent institution of higher education until each eligible student enrolled in a public institution of higher education has received a TEXAS grant.

SECTION _____. Subchapter M, Chapter 56, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 56.3071 to read as follows:

Sec. 56.3071. EFFECT OF ELIGIBILITY FOR TUITION EQUALIZATION GRANT. (a) Notwithstanding Section 56.307, the total amount of financial aid that a student enrolled in a private or independent institution of higher education is eligible to receive in a state fiscal year from TEXAS grants awarded under this subchapter may not exceed the maximum amount the student may receive in tuition equalization grants in that fiscal year as determined under Subchapter F, Chapter 61.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a student enrolled in a private or independent institution of higher education may not receive a TEXAS grant under this subchapter and a tuition equalization grant under Subchapter F, Chapter 61, for the same semester or other term, regardless of whether the student is otherwise eligible for both grants during that semester or term. A student who but for this subsection would be awarded both a TEXAS grant and a tuition equalization grant for the same semester or other term is entitled to receive only the grant of the greater amount.

SECTION _____. Subsection (h), Section 56.307, Education Code, is repealed.

(2) In SECTION 8 of the bill (page 5, lines 13-14), strike the recital and substitute the following:

Section 61.227, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(3) At the end of SECTION 8 of the bill (page 5, between

lines 22 and 23), insert the following:

(d) Notwithstanding any other law, a student enrolled in a private or independent institution of higher education may not receive a tuition equalization grant under this subchapter and a TEXAS grant under Subchapter M, Chapter 56, for the same semester or other term, regardless of whether the student is otherwise eligible for both grants during that semester or term. A student who but for this subsection would be awarded both a tuition equalization grant and a TEXAS grant for the same semester or other term is entitled to receive only the grant of the greater amount.

(4) In SECTION 9 of the bill (page 5, lines 23-29), strike proposed Subsection (a) and substitute the following:

(a) The change in law made by this Act to Subchapter M, Chapter 56, Education Code, applies beginning with the 2005-2006 academic year, but does not affect the amount of or entitlement to any grant awarded before the effective date of this Act.

(5) In SECTION 9 of the bill, in proposed Subsection (d) (page 5, line 40), strike "Subsection (c),".

(6) Renumber the other SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.