

Amend CSSB 31 (Senate committee printing) as follows:

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

SECTION _____. Section 56.301, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 56.301. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(2) "Eligible institution" means[+] ~~[(A)]~~ an institution of higher education that offers one or more undergraduate degree or certificate programs[+] ~~or~~

~~[(B) a private or independent institution of higher education].~~

(3) "Public junior college" ~~["Private or independent institution of higher education," "public junior college,"]~~ and "public technical institute" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

SECTION _____. Subsection (b), Section 56.302, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The purpose of this subchapter is to provide a grant of money to enable eligible students to attend public ~~[and private]~~ institutions of higher education in this state.

(2) In the recital to SECTION 3 of the bill (page 2, line 19), strike "Subsection (e)" and substitute "Subsections (a) and (e)".

(3) In SECTION 3 of the bill, between the recital and amended Subsection (e), Section 56.304, Education Code (page 2, between lines 20 and 21), insert the following:

(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 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 a public or private ~~[an-eligible]~~ institution of higher education not earlier than May 1, 2001;

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

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

(5) be enrolled as:

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

(B) an entering student for at least three-fourths of a full course load for an undergraduate student as determined by the coordinating board, not later than the 12th month after the month the person receives an associate degree from a public or private ~~[an-eligible]~~ institution of higher education;

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

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

(4) In SECTION 4 of the bill, in proposed Paragraph (B), Subdivision (2), Subsection (e), Section 56.305, Education Code (page 2, line 64), between "attempted at" and "institutions", insert "public or private".

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

SECTION _____. Subsection (a), Section 56.307, Education

Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The amount of a TEXAS grant for a semester or term for a person enrolled full-time at an eligible institution other than an institution covered by Subsection ~~[(b)]~~ (c)~~[(c)]~~ or (d) is the amount determined by the coordinating board as the average statewide amount of tuition and required fees that a resident student enrolled full-time in a baccalaureate degree program would be charged for that semester or term at general academic teaching institutions.

SECTION _____. Subsections (b) and (h), Section 56.307, Education Code, are repealed.

(6) 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.

(7) Renumber other SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.