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H.B. No. 530

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 530:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to prohibiting discrimination based on a student's primary
3 or secondary school in awarding state scholarships or other
4 financial aid for higher education.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 56, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 56.005 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 56.005. NONDISCRIMINATION IN FINANCIAL AID AWARDS
9 BASED ON TYPE OF SCHOOL ATTENDED. An institution of higher
10 education or state agency that awards financial aid of any kind to
11 students to attend public or private institutions of higher
12 education may not in awarding that aid discriminate against a
13 student based on the type of primary or secondary school the student
14 attended.

15 SECTION 2. Section 56.304(a), Education Code, is amended to
16 read as follows:

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

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

21 (2) meet either of the following academic
22 requirements:

23 (A) be a graduate of a public or ~~accredited~~
24 private high school, including a home school, in this state who

1 graduated not earlier than the 1998-1999 school year and who
2 completed the recommended or advanced high school curriculum
3 established under Section 28.002 or 28.025 or its equivalent; or

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

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

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

10 (5) be enrolled as:

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

16 (B) an entering student for at least
17 three-fourths of a full course load for an undergraduate student as
18 determined by the coordinating board, not later than the 12th month
19 after the month the person receives an associate degree from an
20 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 3. The change in law made by this Act applies
27 beginning with student financial aid awarded for the 2006-2007

1 academic year. The change in law does not affect student financial
2 aid awarded for an academic period before that academic year, and
3 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.