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S.B. No. 1227

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1	AN ACT
2	relating to payment of the costs of attending public and private
3	postsecondary educational institutions and to financial aid and
4	other measures to assist students to pay those costs.
5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
6	SECTION 1. Section 52.17(e), Education Code, is amended to
7	read as follows:
8	(e) Amounts paid to the board by the federal Lender's
9	Special Allowance program may:
10	(1) be deposited in:
11	(A) the Texas college interest and sinking fund;
12	<u>or</u>
13	(B) $[\tau]$ a board interest and sinking fund; $[\tau]$ or
14	(2) be used by the board for the administration of
15	student loan and grant programs [and the Teacher Loan Program and
16	Future Teacher Loan Program authorized under House Bill 72, 68th

21 SECTION 2. Section 52.31, Education Code, is amended to 22 read as follows:

Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1984, or other programs]

administered by the board, including the making of grants under

Subchapter M, Chapter 56 [as specified by the legislature in the

Sec. 52.31. PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS. <u>In this</u>
subchapter, "participating [A participating] higher educational

General Appropriations Act].

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- 1 institution" means a public or private nonprofit [is any]
- 2 institution of higher education, [public or private nonprofit,]
- 3 including a junior college, [which is recognized or] accredited by
- 4 a recognized accrediting agency as defined by Section 61.003, or a
- 5 Regional Education Service Center or other entity that offers an
- 6 alternative educator certification program approved by the State
- 7 Board for Educator Certification, that:
- 8 <u>(1) is located in this state; and</u>
- 9 (2) [the Texas Education Agency or the Coordinating
- 10 Board, Texas College and University System, or its successors, and
- 11 which complies with the provisions of this chapter and the rules
- 12 [and regulations] of the board promulgated in accordance with this
- 13 chapter.
- 14 SECTION 3. Section 52.32, Education Code, is amended by
- amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (a-1) to
- 16 read as follows:
- 17 (a) The board may authorize loans from the Texas Opportunity
- 18 Plan Fund to a qualified [students if the] applicant who:
- 19 (1) is a resident of this state [Texas] as defined by
- 20 the board in accordance with Subchapter B, Chapter 54 [of this
- 21 code];
- 22 (2) has been accepted for enrollment at a
- 23 participating higher educational institution, provided that if the
- 24 institution is a public or private [any] postsecondary educational
- 25 institution, the institution must be [within the State of Texas,
- 26 public or private, which has been] approved by an agency of the
- 27 United States government for the purpose of guaranteeing the maker

- of such loans against loss due to the death, disability, or default
- 2 of the borrower[. If the postsecondary institution that the
- 3 student has been accepted to attend was not a participating
- 4 institution as defined in Section 52.31 of this code on May 1, 1985,
- 5 the applicant must provide evidence that he is unable to obtain a
- 6 guaranteed student loan from a commercial lender except as provided
- 7 by Subsection (b) of this section];
- 8 (3) has established that the student [he] has
- 9 insufficient resources to finance the student's [his] college
- 10 education;
- 11 (4) has been recommended by reputable persons in the
- 12 student's [his] home community; and
- 13 (5) has complied with other requirements established
- 14 by the rules [and regulations] adopted by the board in conformity
- 15 with this chapter.
- 16 (a-1) Except as provided by Subsection (b), if the
- institution to which the applicant has been accepted for enrollment
- 18 was not a participating institution, as defined by Section 52.31,
- on May 1, 1985, the applicant must provide evidence that the
- 20 applicant is unable to obtain a guaranteed student loan from a
- 21 <u>commercial lender.</u>
- (b) If a loan applicant is enrolled at a career school or
- 23 college in a degree program that is approved by the board or at a
- 24 Regional Education Service Center or other entity in an alternative
- 25 educator certification program that is approved by the State Board
- 26 for Educator Certification, the applicant is not required to
- 27 provide evidence that the applicant is unable to obtain a

- 1 quaranteed student loan from a commercial lender under Subsection
- 2 (a-1) [(a)(2) of this section].
- 3 SECTION 4. Section 54.0065, Education Code, is amended by
- 4 amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsections (a-1) and
- 5 (a-2) to read as follows:
- 6 (a) A qualified student is eligible for a rebate of a
- 7 portion of the undergraduate tuition the student has paid if the
- 8 student[+
- 9 [\(\frac{(1)}{1}\)] is awarded a baccalaureate degree from a general
- 10 academic teaching institution within the period prescribed by
- 11 Section 56.462(1)(A) or (B), as applicable, to qualify for
- 12 forgiveness of a Texas B-On-Time loan.
- 13 (a-1) A qualified student who is not eligible for a tuition
- 14 rebate under Subsection (a) is eligible for a rebate of a portion of
- the undergraduate tuition the student has paid if the student:
- 16 (1) first enrolled in an institution of higher
- education before the 2005 fall semester;
- 18 (2) is awarded a baccalaureate degree from a general
- 19 academic teaching institution before the 2010 fall semester; and
- (3) $\left[\frac{(2)}{2}\right]$ has attempted no more than three hours in
- 21 excess of the minimum number of semester credit hours required to
- 22 complete the degree, including:
- 23 (A) transfer credits; and
- 24 (B) course credit earned exclusively by
- examination, except that, for purposes of this subsection, only the
- 26 number of semester credit hours earned exclusively by examination
- 27 in excess of nine semester credit hours is treated as hours

- 1 attempted.
- 2 (a-2) Subsection (a-1) and this subsection expire January
- 3 1, 2011.
- 4 (c) A student who has transferred from another institution
- 5 of higher education shall provide the institution awarding the
- 6 degree an official transcript from each institution attended by the
- 7 student in order that the information necessary to determine
- 8 eligibility for a rebate under this section [total number of hours
- 9 attempted by the student can be verified.
- SECTION 5. Section 54.007, Education Code, is amended by
- 11 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:
- 12 (f) A student may elect to pay the tuition and fees of an
- institution of higher education by installment under this section
- 14 regardless of whether the student intends to apply a financial aid
- award administered by the institution toward the tuition and fees.
- On receipt of notice of a student's election to pay tuition and fees
- 17 by installment, the governing board of the institution shall apply
- 18 any financial aid award administered for the student toward the
- 19 initial amount of tuition and fees due on installment and
- 20 immediately release any remaining amount of the award to the
- 21 student.
- SECTION 6. Subchapter A, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
- 23 amended by adding Section 54.0071 to read as follows:
- Sec. 54.0071. PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR STUDENT WITH DELAYED
- 25 FINANCIAL AID. (a) The governing board of an institution of higher
- 26 education shall postpone the due date for the payment of all or part
- 27 of the tuition and fees for a student for a semester or summer

- 1 session in which the student will receive one or more delayed
- 2 financial aid awards if:
- 3 (1) the student has not received the awards by the
- 4 regular due date for payment of the tuition and fees; and
- 5 (2) the student agrees to assign to the institution a
- 6 portion of the awards equal to the amount of tuition and fees for
- 7 which the due date is postponed.
- 8 (b) The postponed due date under Subsection (a) applies only
- 9 to the portion of tuition and fees to be covered by the student's
- 10 <u>delayed financial aid awards</u>. When the financial aid awards become
- 11 available, the governing board shall apply the awards toward the
- 12 amount due and immediately release any remaining amount of the
- 13 awards to the student.
- 14 (c) If after the due date for a student's tuition and fees is
- 15 postponed under this section the student becomes ineligible to
- 16 receive one or more of the delayed financial aid awards, or the
- amount awarded is less than the amount of tuition and fees due, the
- 18 governing board shall provide the student a reasonable period, not
- 19 to exceed 30 days, to pay the unpaid amount of tuition and fees. The
- 20 board may deny a student credit for work done in the semester or
- 21 summer session if the student fails to pay the tuition and fees by
- 22 the end of that period.
- 23 (d) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
- 24 prescribe procedures for the administration of this section.
- (e) If a student with delayed financial aid awards has
- 26 elected to pay tuition and fees by installment as permitted by
- 27 Section 54.007, the governing board shall postpone the due date as

- 1 provided by this section for each installment payment that becomes
- 2 <u>due before the student receives the awards.</u>
- 3 SECTION 7. Sections 54.010(a) and (c), Education Code, are
- 4 amended to read as follows:
- 5 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the $[\frac{The}{T}]$
- 6 governing board of an institution of higher education may reduce
- 7 the amount of tuition charged to a student under this chapter to an
- 8 amount less than the amount of tuition otherwise required by this
- 9 chapter if the board:
- 10 (1) offers the tuition reduction to the student as
- 11 part of an institutional policy adopted by the board to:
- 12 (A) increase the average semester credit hour
- 13 course load of students enrolled at the institution; or
- 14 (B) improve the retention and graduation rate of
- 15 students enrolled at the institution; and
- 16 (2) determines that the student is:
- 17 (A) enrolled in, and making satisfactory
- 18 progress toward completion of, a degree program offered at the
- 19 institution; and
- 20 (B) enrolled in more than 12 [at least 15]
- 21 semester credit hours at the institution during the semester or
- term for which the reduction is offered.
- (c) The amount of tuition <u>charged</u> [reduction offered] to a
- 24 student under this section for a semester or term may not be less
- 25 than [exceed] the amount of tuition otherwise required to be [that
- 26 would have been] charged to the student under this chapter for
- 27 enrollment in 12 [three] semester credit hours during that semester

- 1 or term.
- 2 SECTION 8. Section 54.214(c), Education Code, is amended to
- 3 read as follows:
- 4 (c) To be eligible for an exemption under this section, a
- 5 person must:
- 6 (1) be a resident of this state;
- 7 (2) be a school employee serving in any capacity;
- 8 (3) for the initial term or semester for which the
- 9 person receives an exemption under this section, have [who] worked
- 10 as an educational aide for at least one school year during the five
- 11 years preceding that [the] term or semester [for which the person
- 12 receives the exemption];
- (4) $[\frac{(3)}{3}]$ establish financial need as determined by
- 14 coordinating board rule;
- 15 (5) [(4)] be enrolled in courses required for teacher
- 16 certification at the institution of higher education granting the
- 17 exemption;
- (6) $[\frac{(5)}{(5)}]$ maintain an acceptable grade point average
- 19 as determined by coordinating board rule; and
- 20 (7) [(6)] comply with any other requirements adopted
- 21 by the coordinating board under this section.
- SECTION 9. Section 54.2155, Education Code, is amended to
- 23 read as follows:
- Sec. 54.2155. PAYMENT OF TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS OF
- 25 STATE MILITARY FORCES. (a) For [In the manner established by the
- 26 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, for] each semester, the
- 27 adjutant general of the state military forces [coordinating board]

shall certify to institutions of higher education as described by Section 431.090, Government Code, information identifying the persons to whom the adjutant general [of the state military forces] has awarded tuition assistance under that section [Section 431.090, Government Code, if the coordinating board has determined that sufficient money is available to reimburse institutions for tuition exemptions granted under this section and to make tuition assistance grants under Subsection (c)].

- (b) An institution of higher education shall exempt a person certified by the <u>adjutant general as described by Subsection (a)</u> [coordinating board under this section] from the payment of tuition for the semester credit hours for which the person enrolls, not to exceed 12 semester credit hours. If the person is not charged tuition at the rate provided for other Texas residents, the amount of the exemption may not exceed the amount of tuition the person would be charged as a Texas resident for the number of semester credit hours for which the person enrolls, not to exceed 12 semester credit hours.
- [(b) From money appropriated for purposes of this section, the coordinating board shall reimburse an institution of higher education in an amount equal to the amount of the tuition exemption the institution grants to a person under Subsection (a).
- [(c) From money appropriated for purposes of this section, the coordinating board shall make a grant to a person attending a private or independent institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, to whom the adjutant general has awarded tuition assistance for the semester under Section 431.090, Government Code.

- 1 The amount of a grant under this section is an amount equal to the
- 2 average amount of reimbursement the coordinating board estimates
- 3 will be paid per student for the same semester under Subsection
- 4 (b).]
- 5 SECTION 10. Section 54.5021(b), Education Code, is amended
- 6 to read as follows:
- 7 (b) The student deposit fund of an institution of higher
- 8 education shall be used, at the discretion of the institution's
- 9 governing board, for making scholarship awards to needy and
- 10 deserving students of the institution and making grants under
- 11 Subchapter C, Chapter 56, to resident students of the institution.
- 12 The governing board shall administer the scholarship awards for the
- institution, including the selection of recipients and the amounts
- 14 and conditions of the awards. The recipients of the scholarships
- must be residents of the state as defined for tuition purposes.
- SECTION 11. Section 56.033, Education Code, is amended by
- 17 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:
- 18 (e) To supplement money set aside under Subsection (a), the
- 19 governing board of an institution of higher education may use money
- 20 received by the institution from the fee for issuance of collegiate
- 21 license plates under Section 504.615, Transportation Code, for
- 22 awarding Texas Public Educational Grants. The board may use the
- 23 money to award grants to both resident and nonresident students,
- 24 except that the board shall give priority to grants for resident
- 25 students. Notwithstanding Subsection (b), the board may not use
- the money for emergency loans under Subchapter D.
- SECTION 12. Section 56.203, Education Code, as amended by

- 1 Chapter 1317, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003,
- 2 is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:
- 3 (a-1) The requirement provided by Subsection (a)(2) that a
- 4 person must have successfully completed the recommended or advanced
- 5 high school program established under Section 28.025 to be eligible
- 6 for the Early High School Graduation Scholarship program does not
- 7 apply to a person who entered grade nine before the 2003-2004 school
- 8 year. This subsection expires January 1, 2007.
- 9 SECTION 13. Section 56.304(a), Education Code, is amended
- 10 to read as follows:
- 11 (a) To be eligible initially for a TEXAS grant, a person
- 12 must:
- 13 (1) be a resident of this state as determined by
- 14 coordinating board rules;
- 15 (2) meet either of the following academic
- 16 requirements:
- 17 (A) be a graduate of a public or accredited
- 18 private high school in this state who graduated not earlier than the
- 19 1998-1999 school year and who completed the recommended or advanced
- 20 high school curriculum established under Section 28.002 or 28.025
- 21 or its equivalent; or
- 22 (B) have received an associate degree from an
- eligible institution not earlier than May 1, 2001;
- 24 (3) meet financial need requirements as defined by the
- 25 coordinating board;
- 26 (4) be enrolled in an undergraduate degree or
- 27 certificate program at an eligible institution;

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

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- 7 (B) an entering student for [at least
- 8 three-fourths of] a full course load for an undergraduate student
- 9 as determined by the coordinating board, not later than the 12th
- 10 month after the month the person receives an associate degree from
- 11 an eligible institution;
- 12 (6) have applied for any available financial aid or
- 13 assistance; and
- 14 (7) comply with any additional nonacademic
- 15 requirement adopted by the coordinating board under this
- 16 subchapter.
- 17 SECTION 14. Section 56.305(a), Education Code, is amended
- 18 to read as follows:
- 19 (a) After initially qualifying for a TEXAS grant, a person
- 20 may continue to receive a TEXAS grant during each semester or term
- 21 in which the person is enrolled at an eligible institution only if
- 22 the person:
- 23 (1) meets financial need requirements as defined by
- 24 the coordinating board;
- 25 (2) is enrolled in an undergraduate degree or
- 26 certificate program at an eligible institution;
- 27 (3) is enrolled for [at least three-fourths of] a full

- 1 course load for an undergraduate student, as determined by the
- 2 coordinating board;
- 3 (4) makes satisfactory academic progress toward an
- 4 undergraduate degree or certificate; and
- 5 (5) complies with any additional nonacademic
- 6 requirement adopted by the coordinating board.
- 7 SECTION 15. Section 56.307, Education Code, is amended by
- 8 adding Subsections (1) and (m) to read as follows:
- 9 (1) If the money available for TEXAS grants in a period for
- 10 which grants are awarded is insufficient to provide grants to all
- 11 eligible applicants in the amounts specified by this section, the
- 12 coordinating board shall determine the amount of available money
- 13 for that period and shall:
- 14 (1) award grants in the amounts specified by this
- 15 section, or on a pro rata basis if the money is insufficient to
- award the grants in those amounts, to:
- 17 (A) eligible applicants who have previously
- 18 completed fewer than four semesters or terms; and
- 19 (B) eligible applicants described by Section
- 20 <u>56.305(d)</u> who have previously completed fewer than six semesters or
- 21 terms; and
- (2) award any remaining amounts on a pro rata basis to
- 23 otherwise eligible applicants who did not receive a grant under
- 24 Subdivision (1).
- 25 (m) The coordinating board shall provide information
- 26 regarding the Texas B-On-Time loan program established under
- 27 Subchapter Q to each eligible applicant who receives less than the

- full amount of a TEXAS grant.
- 2 SECTION 16. Section 56.3075(a), Education Code, is amended
- 3 to read as follows:
- 4 (a) If the money available for TEXAS grants in a period for
- 5 which grants are awarded is sufficient to provide grants to all
- 6 eligible applicants in amounts specified by Section 56.307, the
- 7 [The] coordinating board may use any excess money available for
- 8 TEXAS grants to award a grant in an amount not more than three times
- 9 the amount that may be awarded under Section 56.307 to a student
- 10 who:
- 11 (1) is enrolled in a program that fulfills the
- 12 educational requirements for licensure or certification by the
- 13 state in a health care profession that the coordinating board, in
- 14 consultation with the Texas Workforce Commission and the statewide
- 15 health coordinating council, has identified as having a critical
- shortage in the number of license holders needed in this state;
- 17 (2) has completed at least one-half of the work toward
- 18 a degree or certificate that fulfills the educational requirement
- 19 for licensure or certification; and
- 20 (3) meets all the requirements to receive a grant
- award under Section 56.307.
- SECTION 17. Section 56.405, Education Code, is amended by
- 23 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (f) to read as
- 24 follows:
- 25 (d) For the purpose of this section, a person makes
- 26 satisfactory academic progress toward an associate degree or
- 27 certificate only if:

- 1 (1) in the person's first academic year the person
- 2 meets the satisfactory academic progress requirements of the
- 3 institution at which the person is enrolled; and
- 4 (2) in a subsequent academic year, the person:
- 5 (A) $\left[\frac{(1)}{(1)}\right]$ completes at least 75 percent of the
- 6 semester credit hours attempted in the student's most recent
- 7 academic year; and
- 8 (B) has earned [(2) earns] an overall grade point
- 9 average of at least 2.5 on a four-point scale or the equivalent on
- 10 course work previously attempted at institutions of higher
- 11 education.
- 12 (f) The coordinating board shall adopt rules to allow a
- person who is otherwise eligible to receive a TEXAS grant II, in the
- event of a hardship or for other good cause shown, including a
- 15 showing of a severe illness or other debilitating condition that
- 16 may affect the person's academic performance or that the person is
- 17 responsible for the care of a sick, injured, or needy person and
- 18 that the person's provision of care may affect the person's academic
- 19 performance, to receive a TEXAS grant II:
- 20 (1) while enrolled in a number of semester credit
- 21 hours that is less than the number of semester credit hours required
- 22 under Subsection (a)(3); or
- 23 (2) if the student's grade point average or completion
- 24 rate falls below the satisfactory academic progress requirements of
- 25 Subsection (d).
- SECTION 18. Section 61.066, Education Code, is amended by
- 27 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

the total cost of attending each institution of higher education and the resources used by students to cover that cost, including the amounts of money received by students at each institution from the major sources of public and private financial aid, including grants, loans, scholarships, gifts, and work-study programs. In conducting the study, the board shall solicit information and comments from the financial aid office at each institution of higher education. Not later than November 1 of each even-numbered year, the board shall report the findings of the study to each legislative standing committee and subcommittee with primary jurisdiction over higher education.

SECTION 19. Section 431.090, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (g) and adding Subsections (h) and (i) to read as follows:

(g) Before each semester at a time determined by the adjutant general [Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board], the adjutant general shall certify to the appropriate public and private institutions of higher education [the coordinating board] a list of the persons to whom the adjutant general has awarded tuition assistance under this section for that semester. The amount of tuition assistance awarded by the adjutant general under this section may not exceed the amount of [After receipt of the list, the coordinating board shall determine whether sufficient] money [is] available to fund the tuition assistance awards [under Section 54.2155, Education Code]. [If the coordinating board determines that sufficient money is not available, the board shall notify the

- 1 adjutant general, who shall reduce the number of awards according
- 2 to the amount of money available and certify to the coordinating
- 3 board a revised list of the persons to whom the adjutant general has
- 4 awarded tuition assistance.
- 5 (h) From money appropriated for purposes of this section,
- 6 the adjutant general shall authorize the comptroller to reimburse
- 7 <u>an institution of higher education in an amount equal to the amount</u>
- 8 of the tuition exemption the institution grants to a person under
- 9 Section 54.2155, Education Code.
- (i) From money appropriated for purposes of this section,
- 11 the adjutant general shall authorize the comptroller to make a
- 12 grant to a person attending a private or independent institution of
- 13 higher education to whom the adjutant general has awarded tuition
- 14 assistance for the semester under this section. The amount of a
- grant under this subsection is an amount equal to the average amount
- of reimbursement the adjutant general estimates will be paid per
- 17 student for the same semester under Subsection (h).
- SECTION 20. Section 504.615(b), Transportation Code, is
- 19 amended to read as follows:
- 20 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
- 21 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
- 22 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund. The
- 23 money may be used only for:
- 24 (1) scholarships to students who demonstrate a need
- 25 for financial assistance under Texas Higher Education Coordinating
- 26 Board rule; or
- 27 (2) Texas Public Educational Grants awarded under

- 1 Subchapter C, Chapter 56, Education Code, if the fee is for the
- 2 issuance of a license plate for a college described by Subsection
- 3 (e)(1).
- 4 SECTION 21. Section 56.203, Education Code, as amended by
- 5 Chapter 365, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003,
- 6 is repealed.
- 7 SECTION 22. Sections 54.007(f) and 54.0071, Education Code,
- 8 as added by this Act, apply beginning with the 2006 spring semester.
- 9 SECTION 23. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
- 10 54.010, Education Code, apply beginning with tuition and fees
- 11 charged by an institution of higher education for the 2005 fall
- 12 semester.
- 13 SECTION 24. (a) The change in law made by this Act to
- 14 Section 54.214, Education Code, applies to eligibility for an
- 15 exemption from payment of tuition and fees for an academic period
- 16 beginning with the 2005 fall semester and applies regardless of
- 17 whether a person would have been exempt from payment of tuition and
- 18 fees under Section 54.214(c), Education Code, as that subsection
- 19 existed before the amendment made by this Act. Eligibility for an
- 20 exemption from payment of tuition and fees for an academic period
- 21 before the 2005 fall semester is covered by the applicable law in
- 22 effect before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is
- 23 continued in effect for that purpose.
- (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall, as
- 25 necessary, adopt rules consistent with Section 54.214(c),
- 26 Education Code, as amended by this Act, as soon as practicable after
- 27 this Act takes effect. For that purpose, the coordinating board may

- 1 adopt the rules in the manner provided by law for emergency rules.
- 2 This subsection expires May 1, 2006.
- 3 SECTION 25. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
- 4 54.2155, Education Code, and Section 431.090, Government Code,
- 5 apply beginning with tuition assistance awards for the 2006-2007
- 6 academic year. Tuition assistance awards for an academic year
- 7 before the 2006-2007 academic year are covered by the law in effect
- 8 immediately preceding the effective date of this Act, and the
- 9 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.
- 10 SECTION 26. The change in law made by this Act to Sections
- 11 56.304, 56.305, 56.307, and 56.3075, Education Code, applies
- 12 beginning with the 2005-2006 academic year, but does not affect the
- 13 amount of or entitlement to any grant awarded before the effective
- 14 date of this Act.
- 15 SECTION 27. The change in law made by this Act to Section
- 16 56.405, Education Code, applies to the eligibility of a person to
- 17 receive a TEXAS grant II awarded on or after the effective date of
- 18 this Act.
- 19 SECTION 28. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 20 shall make the initial report required by Section 61.066(c),
- 21 Education Code, as added by this Act, not later than November 1,
- 22 2006.
- 23 SECTION 29. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.