

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 469
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Higher Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, there is a lack of recognition for those who make generous donations to institutions of higher education.

As proposed, S.B. 469 requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to produce a certificate of recognition to any person who contributes \$10,000 or an equivalent in gifts, within one year's time, to any institution of higher education for any purpose, program, or activity of the institution. The institution of higher education is to submit a written request to THECB. Upon receipt and if the individual qualifies, THECB is to produce the certificate of recognition to be presented by the institution of higher education.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1: Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 61 of the Education Code, by adding Section 61.0901 relating to a certificate of recognition for major donors to institutions of higher education. Requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to design and produce a certificate of recognition for an institution of higher education (institution) to present to a person who in any year contributes to the institution for the support of any purposes, programs, or activities of the institution one or more gifts or donations in a total amount of at least \$10,000.

Provides that on receipt of a written request from an institution providing the information necessary to establish the donor's eligibility for the certificate, the THECB shall prepare and provide at no cost to the institution a certificate of recognition designed by the THECB under this section recognizing the gifts or donations of a person described.

SECTION 2: Requires the THECB to design and produce the certificate of recognition required by Section 61.0901 of the Education Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3: Effective date.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.