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H.B. No. 1249

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the eligibility of certain transfer students for a
3 TEXAS grant.

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

5 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Ladders to
6 College Success Act."

7 SECTION 2. Subchapter M, Chapter 56, Education Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 56.3051 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 56.3051. ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN TRANSFER STUDENTS TO
10 RECEIVE TEXAS GRANTS. (a) A person who otherwise meets the
11 requirements of Section 56.305 but who has not previously received
12 a TEXAS grant may receive a TEXAS grant under that section as if the
13 person had previously qualified for and received an initial TEXAS
14 grant if the person:

15 (1) qualified for a Texas Educational Opportunity
16 Grant under Subchapter P in the last semester or term the person
17 attended an eligible institution for purposes of Subchapter P,
18 without regard to whether the person received a grant under
19 Subchapter P; and

20 (2) meets either of the following academic
21 requirements:

22 (A) received an associate degree from an
23 institution of higher education not earlier than May 1, 2001; or

24 (B) completed the core curriculum at an

1 institution of higher education.

2 (b) The total number of semester credit hours, or the
3 equivalent, for which the person may receive a Texas Educational
4 Opportunity Grant or a TEXAS grant may not exceed the total number
5 of hours for which a student not covered by this section may receive
6 a TEXAS grant under Section 56.304(d).

7 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act relating to
8 the eligibility of a student for a TEXAS grant applies beginning
9 with grants awarded for the 2007-2008 academic year. Grants
10 awarded for an academic year before the 2007-2008 academic year are
11 governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date
12 of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that
13 purpose.

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.