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S.B. No. 577

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the portion of designated tuition required to be set
3 aside to provide student financial assistance at institutions of
4 higher education.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 56.011(a), Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) The governing board of each institution of higher
9 education shall cause to be set aside not less than 20 percent of
10 any amount of tuition charged to a resident undergraduate student
11 under Section 54.0513 in excess of \$46 per semester credit hour.
12 The funds set aside under this section by an institution shall be
13 used to provide need-based financial assistance for resident
14 undergraduate students enrolled in the institution.

15 SECTION 2. Section 56.012(a), Education Code, is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (a) The governing board of each institution of higher
18 education shall cause to be set aside not less than 15 percent of
19 any amount of tuition charged to a resident student enrolled in a
20 graduate or professional degree program under Section 54.0513 in
21 excess of \$46 per semester credit hour. The funds set aside under
22 this section by an institution shall be used to provide need-based
23 financial assistance for resident students enrolled in graduate and
24 professional degree programs at the institution.

1 SECTION 3. Section 56.465(a), Education Code, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (a) The governing board of each institution of higher
4 education shall cause to be set aside five percent of the amount of
5 the tuition charged to a resident undergraduate student at the
6 institution under Section 54.0513 in excess of \$46 per semester
7 credit hour. The amount of a student's tuition set aside under this
8 subsection is in addition to [~~considered a part of~~] the amount
9 required to be set aside from that tuition under Section 56.011.

10 SECTION 4. (a) The change in law made by this Act to
11 Sections 56.011 and 56.012, Education Code, applies only to
12 financial aid awarded for a semester or term that begins on or after
13 the effective date of this Act, and does not affect a student's
14 right to receive financial aid awarded before the effective date of
15 this Act for any part of the 2007-2008 academic year.

16 (b) The change in law made by this Act to Section 56.465,
17 Education Code, applies beginning with tuition paid for the
18 2007-2008 academic year. The change in law does not affect the
19 amount of tuition set aside under that section for an academic
20 period before the 2007-2008 academic year, and the former law is
21 continued in effect for that purpose.

22 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.