

Amend CSHB 3276 (House committee printing), page 1, line 5, through page 2, line 3, by striking SECTION 1 of the bill and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Subchapter M, Chapter 56, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 56.309 to read as follows:

Sec. 56.309. STUDY OF PRIORITIES FOR AWARD OF TEXAS GRANTS.

(a) The coordinating board shall conduct a study to identify and recommend methods of prioritizing the award of TEXAS grants to eligible students to ensure the most effective use of money available under the program. The study must include an examination of the effects of prioritizing the award of grants:

(1) based on the financial need of students; and

(2) in a manner designed to provide an incentive for students to meet college readiness standards, including successful performance on assessment instruments under Section 51.3062.

(b) Not later than December 1, 2010, the board shall report the results of the study to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and presiding officer of each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over higher education.

(c) This section expires January 31, 2011.