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S.B. No. 1927

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that a full TEXAS grant be awarded to each eligible applicant in an academic year.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56.307, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (m) to read as follows:

(m) Before the beginning of each academic year, the coordinating board shall determine and certify to each eligible institution the total amount of money necessary for the institution to award, without reference to any factor that could affect a grant award such as financial need, the full amount of a TEXAS grant to each eligible applicant who enrolls at the institution during that academic year. Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, after the coordinating board certifies the total amount necessary to award those grants with respect to an eligible institution, the institution shall award the full amount of the TEXAS grant to each eligible applicant who enrolls at the institution. Notwithstanding any other law, an eligible institution that fails to satisfy the requirements of this subsection may not spend any of the institution's unobligated institutional funds or any money appropriated to the institution for instruction or operations in the academic year for which the coordinating board certified the total amount necessary to award grants as required by this subsection. An eligible institution may elect to reduce the amount

1 of a grant awarded to any eligible applicant only as permitted by
2 Subsections (i-1) and (j).

3 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies
4 beginning with TEXAS grants awarded for the 2010 fall semester.
5 Grants awarded for a semester or term before the 2010 fall semester
6 are covered by the applicable law in effect immediately before the
7 effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in
8 effect for that purpose.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.