

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 851
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 851 By: Zaffirini

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to a uniform deadline for student financial assistance for
1-11 public institutions of higher education other than public junior
1-12 colleges.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 56, Education Code, is
1-15 amended by adding Section 56.007 to read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 56.007. PRIORITY DEADLINE FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL
1-17 ASSISTANCE. (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by
1-18 rule shall provide for a uniform priority application deadline for
1-19 applications for financial assistance for an academic year.

1-20 (b) The priority deadline may not serve as a determination
1-21 of eligibility for state financial assistance, but otherwise
1-22 eligible applicants who apply on or before the deadline shall be
1-23 given priority consideration for available state financial
1-24 assistance before other applicants.

1-25 (c) The coordinating board shall consult with financial aid
1-26 personnel at institutions of higher education in adopting rules
1-27 providing for the deadline required under this section.

1-28 (d) This section only applies to a general academic teaching
1-29 institution as defined by Section 61.003.

1-30 SECTION 2. The change in law made by Section 56.007,
1-31 Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with
1-32 student financial assistance awarded for the 2013-2014 academic
1-33 year. State student financial assistance awarded for an academic
1-34 period before that academic year is covered by the law in effect
1-35 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former
1-36 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-37 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2013.

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