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S.B. No. 1444

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the amount of a tuition equalization grant.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.227(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) On receipt of a certification of the amount of financial need from an approved institution, the coordinating board shall certify the amount of the tuition equalization grant based on financial need but not to exceed the maximum [a] grant amount, if any, [of more than that] specified by legislative [in the] appropriation or any other limitation specified by this section [by the legislature, or more than the difference between the tuition at the private institution attended and the tuition at public colleges and universities].

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies beginning with tuition equalization grants awarded for the 2011 fall semester. Grants awarded for a semester or term before the 2011 fall semester are governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.