

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Gonzales of Williamson

H.B. No. 3577

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility requirements for the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56.404(e), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) A person may not receive a grant under this subchapter and [if the person is eligible for] a TEXAS grant under Subchapter M for the same semester or other term, regardless of whether the person is otherwise eligible for both grants during that semester or term. A person who but for this subsection would be awarded both a grant under this subchapter and a TEXAS grant for the same semester or other term is entitled to receive only the grant of the greater amount.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act relating to the eligibility of a student for a Texas Educational Opportunity Grant applies beginning with grants awarded for the 2011-2012 academic year. Grants awarded for an academic year before the 2011-2012 academic year 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

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

By: Gonzales, Larry/
Zaffirini

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3577:

By: Zaffirini

C.S. H.B. No. 3577

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to priority consideration and eligibility for Texas
3 Educational Opportunity Grants, TEXAS grants, and other state
4 financial aid.

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

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

8 Sec. 56.007. PRIORITY DEADLINE FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL
9 ASSISTANCE. (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by
10 rule shall provide for a uniform priority application deadline for
11 applications for financial assistance for an academic year.

12 (b) The priority deadline may not serve as a determination
13 of eligibility for state financial assistance, but otherwise
14 eligible applicants who apply on or before the deadline shall be
15 given priority consideration for available state financial
16 assistance before other applicants.

17 (c) The coordinating board shall consult with financial aid
18 personnel at institutions of higher education in adopting rules
19 providing for the deadline required under this section.

20 (d) This section only applies to a general academic teaching
21 institution as defined by Section 61.003.

22 SECTION 2. Section 56.404(e), Education Code, is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (e) A person may not receive a grant under this subchapter

1 and [if the person is eligible for] a TEXAS grant under Subchapter M
2 for the same semester or other term, regardless of whether the
3 person is otherwise eligible for both grants during that semester
4 or term. A person who but for this subsection would be awarded both
5 a grant under this subchapter and a TEXAS grant for the same
6 semester or other term is entitled to receive only the grant of the
7 greater amount.

8 SECTION 3. (a) The change in law made by Section 56.007,
9 Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with
10 student financial assistance awarded for the 2013-2014 academic
11 year. State student financial assistance awarded for an academic
12 period before that academic year is covered by the law in effect
13 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former
14 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

15 (b) The change in law made by this Act relating to the
16 eligibility of a student for a Texas Educational Opportunity Grant
17 or a TEXAS grant applies beginning with grants awarded for the
18 2011-2012 academic year. Grants awarded for an academic year
19 before the 2011-2012 academic year are governed by the law in effect
20 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former
21 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 19, 2011

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3577 by Gonzales, Larry (Relating to priority consideration and eligibility for Texas Educational Opportunity Grants, TEXAS grants, and other state financial aid.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Under provisions of the bill, the Higher Education Coordinating Board would provide a uniform priority application deadline for applications for financial assistance for an academic year for general academic teaching institutions as defined by Section 61.003 of the Education Code. The Board would consult with financial aid personnel at institutions of higher education in adopting rules providing for the deadline. Any costs associated with implementing this provision would be absorbed within current resources.

The bill also amends eligibility requirements for the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 11, 2011

TO: Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3577** by Gonzales, Larry (relating to priority consideration and eligibility for Texas Educational Opportunity Grants, TEXAS grants, and other state financial aid.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 10, 2011

TO: Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3577** by Gonzales, Larry (Relating to eligibility requirements for the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend eligibility requirements for the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

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FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 3, 2011

TO: Honorable Dan Branch, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3577 by Gonzales, Larry (Relating to eligibility requirements for the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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Local Government Impact

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