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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 215 (house committee printing) as follows:

2 (1) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to
3 the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Sections 56.301(2) and (3), Education Code,
5 are amended to read as follows:

6 (2) "Eligible institution" means a general academic
7 teaching [an] institution or a medical and dental unit [of higher
8 education] that offers one or more undergraduate degree or
9 certification programs. The term does not include a public state
10 college.

11 (3) "General academic teaching institution,"
12 "institution of higher education," "medical and dental unit,"
13 "public [public] junior college," "public state college," and
14 "public technical institute" have the meanings assigned by Section
15 61.003.

16 SECTION _____. Section 56.302(b), Education Code, is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 (b) The purpose of this subchapter is to provide a grant of
19 money to enable eligible students to attend eligible [public]
20 institutions [of higher education] in this state.

21 SECTION _____. Sections 56.303(d-1), (e), and (f), Education
22 Code, are amended to read as follows:

23 (d-1) In allocating among eligible [general academic
24 teaching] institutions money available for initial TEXAS grants for
25 an academic year, the coordinating board shall ensure that each of
26 those institutions' proportional [percentage] share of the total
27 amount of money for initial grants that is allocated to eligible
28 [general academic teaching] institutions under this section
29 [subsection] for that year does not, as a result of the number of

1 students who establish eligibility at the institution for an
2 initial grant under Section 56.3041(2)(A), change from the
3 institution's proportional ~~[percentage]~~ share of the total amount
4 of money for initial grants that is allocated to those institutions
5 under this section ~~[subsection]~~ for the preceding academic year.

6 (e) In determining who should receive a TEXAS grant, the
7 coordinating board and the eligible institutions shall give
8 priority to awarding TEXAS grants to students who demonstrate the
9 greatest financial need and whose expected family contribution, as
10 determined according to the methodology used for federal student
11 financial aid, does not exceed 60 percent of the average statewide
12 amount of tuition and required fees described by Section
13 56.307(a). In giving priority based on financial need as required
14 by this subsection to students who meet the requirements for the
15 highest priority as provided by Subsection (f), an eligible ~~[a~~
16 ~~general academic teaching]~~ institution shall determine financial
17 need according to the relative expected family contribution of
18 those students, beginning with students who have the lowest
19 expected family contribution.

20 (f) Beginning with TEXAS grants awarded for the 2013-2014
21 academic year, in determining who should receive an initial TEXAS
22 grant, each eligible ~~[general academic teaching]~~ institution, in
23 addition to giving priority as provided by Subsection (e), shall
24 give highest priority to students who meet the eligibility criteria
25 described by Section 56.3041(2)(A). If there is money available in
26 excess of the amount required to award an initial TEXAS grant to all
27 students meeting those criteria, an eligible ~~[a general academic~~
28 ~~teaching]~~ institution shall make awards to other students who meet
29 the eligibility criteria described by Section 56.304(a)(2)(A),
30 provided that the institution continues to give priority to
31 students as provided by Subsection (e).

1 SECTION _____. Sections 56.304(a) and (e-1), Education Code,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 (a) To be eligible initially for a TEXAS grant, a person who
4 graduated from high school before May 1, 2013, must:

5 (1) be a resident of this state as determined by
6 coordinating board rules;

7 (2) meet either of the following academic
8 requirements:

9 (A) be a graduate of a public or accredited
10 private high school in this state who graduated not earlier than the
11 1998-1999 school year and who completed the recommended or advanced
12 high school curriculum established under Section 28.002 or 28.025
13 or its equivalent; or

14 (B) have received an associate degree from a
15 public or private institution of higher education not earlier than
16 May 1, 2001;

17 (3) meet financial need requirements as defined by the
18 coordinating board;

19 (4) be enrolled in a baccalaureate ~~[an undergraduate]~~
20 degree ~~[or certificate]~~ program at an eligible institution;

21 (5) be enrolled as:

22 (A) an entering undergraduate student for at
23 least three-fourths of a full course load for an entering
24 undergraduate student, as determined by the coordinating board, not
25 later than the 16th month after the date of the person's graduation
26 from high school; or

27 (B) an entering student for at least
28 three-fourths of a full course load for an undergraduate student as
29 determined by the coordinating board, not later than the 12th month
30 after the month the person receives an associate degree from a
31 public or private institution of higher education;

1 (6) have applied for any available financial aid or
2 assistance; and

3 (7) comply with any additional nonacademic
4 requirement adopted by the coordinating board under this
5 subchapter.

6 (e-1) If a person is initially awarded a TEXAS grant during
7 or after the 2005 fall semester, unless the person is provided
8 additional time during which the person may receive a TEXAS grant
9 under Subsection (e-2), the person's eligibility for a TEXAS grant
10 ends on:

11 (1) the fifth anniversary of the initial award of a
12 TEXAS grant to the person, if the person is enrolled in a degree [~~or~~
13 ~~certificate~~] program of four years [~~or less~~]; or

14 (2) the sixth anniversary of the initial award of a
15 TEXAS grant to the person, if the person is enrolled in a degree
16 program of more than four years.

17 SECTION _____. Section 56.3041, Education Code, is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 Sec. 56.3041. INITIAL ELIGIBILITY OF PERSON GRADUATING FROM
20 HIGH SCHOOL ON OR AFTER MAY 1, 2013[~~, AND ENROLLING IN A GENERAL~~
21 ~~ACADEMIC TEACHING INSTITUTION~~]. To [Notwithstanding Section
22 ~~56.304(a), to~~] be eligible initially for a TEXAS grant, a person
23 graduating from high school on or after May 1, 2013, and enrolling
24 in an eligible [~~a general academic teaching~~] institution must:

25 (1) be a resident of this state as determined by
26 coordinating board rules;

27 (2) meet the academic requirements prescribed by
28 Paragraph (A), (B), [~~or~~] (C), or (D) as follows:

29 (A) be a graduate of a public or accredited
30 private high school in this state who completed the recommended
31 high school program established under Section 28.025 or its

1 equivalent and have accomplished any two or more of the following:

2 (i) graduation under the advanced high
3 school program established under Section 28.025 or its equivalent,
4 successful completion of the course requirements of the
5 international baccalaureate diploma program, or earning of the
6 equivalent of at least 12 semester credit hours of college credit in
7 high school through courses described in Sections 28.009(a)(1),
8 (2), and (3);

9 (ii) satisfaction of the Texas Success
10 Initiative (TSI) college readiness benchmarks prescribed by the
11 coordinating board under Section 51.3062(f) on any assessment
12 instrument designated by the coordinating board under Section
13 51.3062(c) [~~or (e)~~] or qualification for an exemption as described
14 by Section 51.3062(p), (q), or (q-1);

15 (iii) graduation in the top one-third of
16 the person's high school graduating class or graduation from high
17 school with a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a four-point
18 scale or the equivalent; or

19 (iv) completion for high school credit of
20 at least one advanced mathematics course following the successful
21 completion of an Algebra II course, as permitted by Section
22 28.025(b-3), or at least one advanced career and technical course,
23 as permitted by Section 28.025(b-2);

24 (B) have received an associate degree from a
25 public or private institution of higher education; [~~or~~]

26 (C) be an undergraduate student who has:

27 (i) previously attended another
28 institution of higher education;

29 (ii) received an initial Texas Educational
30 Opportunity Grant under Subchapter P for the 2014 fall semester or a
31 subsequent academic term;

1 (iii) completed at least 24 semester credit
2 hours at any institution or institutions of higher education; and

3 (iv) earned an overall grade point average
4 of at least 2.5 on a four-point scale or the equivalent on all
5 course work previously attempted; or

6 (D) if sufficient money is available, meet the
7 eligibility criteria described by Section 56.304(a)(2)(A);

8 (3) meet financial need requirements established by
9 the coordinating board;

10 (4) be enrolled in an undergraduate degree or
11 certificate program at an eligible [~~the general academic teaching~~]
12 institution;

13 (5) except as provided under rules adopted under
14 Section 56.304(h), be enrolled as:

15 (A) an entering undergraduate student for at
16 least three-fourths of a full course load, as determined by the
17 coordinating board, not later than the 16th month after the
18 calendar month in which the person graduated from high school;

19 (B) an entering undergraduate student who
20 entered military service not later than the first anniversary of
21 the date the person graduated from high school and who enrolled for
22 at least three-fourths of a full course load, as determined by the
23 coordinating board, at the eligible [~~general academic teaching~~]
24 institution not later than 12 months after being honorably
25 discharged from military service; [~~or~~]

26 (C) a continuing undergraduate student for at
27 least three-fourths of a full course load, as determined by the
28 coordinating board, not later than the 12th month after the
29 calendar month in which the person received an associate degree
30 from a public or private institution of higher education; or

31 (D) an undergraduate student described by

1 Subdivision (2)(C) who has never previously received a TEXAS grant;

2 (6) have applied for any available financial aid or
3 assistance; and

4 (7) comply with any additional nonacademic
5 requirements adopted by the coordinating board under this
6 subchapter.

7 SECTION _____. Sections 56.3042(b) and (d), Education Code,
8 are amended to read as follows:

9 (b) The coordinating board or the eligible institution may
10 require the student to forgo or repay the amount of an initial TEXAS
11 grant awarded to the student as described by Subsection (a) or (a-1)
12 if the student fails to meet the eligibility requirements described
13 by Subsection (a) or (a-1) [~~of Section 56.304(a)(2)(A),~~
14 ~~56.3041(2)(A), 56.304(a)(2)(B), or 56.3041(2)(B)~~], as applicable
15 to the student, after the issuance of the available high school or
16 college transcript.

17 (d) A person who receives an initial TEXAS grant under
18 Subsection (a) or (a-1) but does not satisfy the applicable
19 eligibility requirement that the person was considered to have
20 satisfied under the applicable subsection and who is not required
21 to forgo or repay the amount of the grant under Subsection (b) may
22 become eligible to receive a subsequent TEXAS grant under Section
23 56.305 only by satisfying the associate degree requirement
24 prescribed by Section 56.304(a)(2)(B) or 56.3041(2)(B), as
25 applicable to the person, in addition to the requirements of
26 Section 56.305 at the time the person applies for the subsequent
27 grant.

28 SECTION _____. Section 56.305(a), Education Code, is amended
29 to read as follows:

30 (a) After initially qualifying for a TEXAS grant, a person
31 may continue to receive a TEXAS grant during each semester or term

1 in which the person is enrolled at an eligible institution only if
2 the person:

3 (1) meets financial need requirements as defined by
4 the coordinating board;

5 (2) is enrolled in a baccalaureate ~~[an undergraduate]~~
6 degree ~~[or certificate]~~ program at an eligible institution;

7 (3) is enrolled for at least three-fourths of a full
8 course load for an undergraduate student, as determined by the
9 coordinating board;

10 (4) makes satisfactory academic progress toward a
11 baccalaureate ~~[an undergraduate]~~ degree ~~[or certificate]~~; and

12 (5) complies with any additional nonacademic
13 requirement adopted by the coordinating board.

14 SECTION _____. Section 56.306, Education Code, is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 Sec. 56.306. GRANT USE. A person receiving a TEXAS grant
17 may use the money to pay any usual and customary cost of attendance
18 at an eligible institution ~~[of higher education]~~ incurred by the
19 student. The institution may disburse all or part of the proceeds
20 of a TEXAS grant directly to an eligible person only if the tuition
21 and required fees incurred by the person at the institution have
22 been paid.

23 SECTION _____. Section 56.307, Education Code, is amended by
24 amending Subsections (a), (d-1), and (i) and adding Subsection (b)
25 to read as follows:

26 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the ~~[The]~~ amount
27 of a TEXAS grant for a semester or term for a person enrolled
28 full-time at an eligible institution ~~[other than an institution~~
29 ~~covered by Subsection (c) or (d)]~~ is an ~~[the]~~ amount determined by
30 the coordinating board as the average statewide amount of tuition,
31 ~~[and]~~ required fees, and allowance for course materials that a

1 resident student enrolled full-time in a baccalaureate degree
2 program would be charged for that semester or term at general
3 academic teaching institutions.

4 (b) An eligible institution may award a TEXAS grant to an
5 eligible student for a semester or term in an amount that is less
6 than the amount determined by the coordinating board under
7 Subsection (a).

8 (d-1) The coordinating board shall determine the average
9 statewide tuition, ~~and~~ fee amounts, and allowance for course
10 materials for a semester or term of the next academic year for
11 purposes of this section by using the amounts of tuition and
12 required fees that will be charged by the ~~applicable~~ eligible
13 institutions for that semester or term in that academic year. The
14 board may estimate the amount of the charges for a semester or term
15 in the next academic year by an institution if the relevant
16 information is not yet available to the board.

17 (i) A public institution of higher education may not [+]

18 ~~[(1) unless the institution complies with Subsection~~
19 ~~(j), charge a person attending the institution who also receives a~~
20 ~~TEXAS grant an amount of tuition and required fees in excess of the~~
21 ~~amount of the TEXAS grant received by the person; or~~

22 ~~[(2)]~~ deny admission to or enrollment in the
23 institution based on a person's eligibility to receive a TEXAS
24 grant or a person's receipt of a TEXAS grant.

25 SECTION _____. (a) The change in law made by this Act to
26 Subchapter M, Chapter 56, Education Code, applies beginning with
27 TEXAS grants awarded for the 2014 fall semester. Grants awarded for
28 a semester or term before the 2014 fall semester are governed by the
29 applicable law in effect immediately before the effective date of
30 this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that
31 purpose.

1 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) of this section, a
2 student who first receives a TEXAS grant for attendance at a public
3 junior college, public state college, or public technical institute
4 for a semester or other academic term before the 2014 fall semester
5 may continue to receive a TEXAS grant under Subchapter M, Chapter
6 56, Education Code, as that subchapter existed immediately before
7 the effective date of this Act, as long as the student remains
8 eligible for a TEXAS grant under the former law, and, if eligible,
9 may continue to receive a TEXAS grant if the student enrolls at an
10 eligible institution under Subchapter M, Chapter 56, Education
11 Code, as amended by this Act. The Texas Higher Education
12 Coordinating Board shall adopt rules to administer this subsection
13 and shall notify each student who receives a TEXAS grant in the
14 2013-2014 academic year of the provisions of this subsection.

15 (2) Add the following appropriately numbered subdivision at
16 the end of page 36:

17 () Sections 56.307(c), (d), (e), (f), (i-1), (j), and
18 (1);

19 (3) In SECTION 41 of the bill (page 36, line 19, through page
20 37, line 11), renumber the subdivisions as appropriate.