



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 215 (house committee report) by adding the  
2 following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and  
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is  
5 amended by adding Section 61.0907 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 61.0907. STUDY REGARDING THE EFFECT OF RECEIVING GRANT  
7 AID ON PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS IN HIGHER EDUCATION. (a) The  
8 board shall implement a study that employs randomized controlled  
9 trials with institutions of higher education to determine the  
10 effect on the participation, persistence, and graduation rates of  
11 students who receive grant aid.

12 (b) The purpose of the study is to determine:

13 (1) the influence of an award of grant aid on the  
14 enrollment decisions of students from Texas public high schools;

15 (2) the extent to which student responses to grant aid  
16 change at different levels of student progress through the higher  
17 education system; and

18 (3) the extent to which student responses to grant aid  
19 differ under similar circumstances.

20 (c) The board shall use the results of the study to:

21 (1) validate quasi-experimental methods used by the  
22 board to collect the same type of data for accountability purposes;

23 (2) identify any additional required data elements to  
24 be regularly collected by the board in order to support the valid  
25 application of quasi-experimental methodology; and

26 (3) develop an easily searchable data application  
27 based on the validated quasi-experimental methods that may be used  
28 to estimate the results of student participation, persistence, and  
29 graduation as a function of an award of grant aid.

1       (d) A student who participates in the study established by  
2 this section is not subject to Sections 56.307(f), (i)(1), and (j).

3       (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, the  
4 maximum grant award for a student who participates in the study  
5 established by this section is the amount determined by the board as  
6 the average statewide amount of tuition, required fees, and cost of  
7 instructional materials for a resident student enrolled full-time  
8 in a baccalaureate degree program.