

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 3827

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the initial eligibility requirements for a TEXAS grant  
3 for certain economically disadvantaged students enrolling in  
4 public institutions of higher education or public technical  
5 institutes.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 56.301, Education Code, is amended by  
8 adding subdivision (4) to read as follows:

9 (4) "Economically disadvantaged" means a person who is  
10 eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the National School  
11 Lunch and Child Nutrition Program.

12 SECTION 2. Section 56.304, Education Code, is amended by  
13 amending Subsection (f) and adding Subsection (f-1) to read as  
14 follows:

15 (f) The requirement in Subsection (a)(2) that a person must  
16 have completed the recommended or advanced high school curriculum  
17 does not apply to:

18 (1) a person who:

19 (A) [~~(1)~~] attended a public high school in a  
20 school district if that district certifies to the commissioner of  
21 education that the high school did not offer all the necessary  
22 courses for a person to complete all parts of the recommended or  
23 advanced high school curriculum; and

24 (B) [~~(2)~~] completed all courses at the high

1 school offered toward the completion of the recommended or advanced  
2 high school curriculum; or

3 (2) an economically disadvantaged student enrolled in  
4 a public institution of higher education or public technical  
5 institute; and

6 (3) has completed the minimum high school curriculum  
7 plan.

8 (f-1) The coordinating board and the commissioner of  
9 education shall by rule establish the criteria for determining  
10 whether a person is an economically disadvantaged student for the  
11 purposes of Subsection (f)(2).

12 SECTION 3. This Act does not make an appropriation. This Act  
13 takes effect only if the specific appropriation for the  
14 implementation of this Act is provided in a general appropriations  
15 act of the 83rd Legislature.

16 SECTION 4. The change in law made to Section 56.304,  
17 Education Code, by this Act applies beginning with TEXAS grants  
18 awarded for the 2013 fall semester. Grants awarded for a semester or  
19 term before the 2013 fall semester are governed by the applicable  
20 law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and  
21 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

22 SECTION 5. 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, 2013.