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H.B. No. 2396

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to eliminating requirements that certain public  
3 institutions of higher education set aside portions of tuition for  
4 student loan repayment programs for certain physicians and state  
5 attorneys.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 61.5391(a), Education Code, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 (a) The physician education loan repayment program account  
10 is an account in the general revenue fund. The account is composed  
11 of:

- 12 (1) gifts and grants contributed to the account;  
13 (2) earnings on the principal of the account; and  
14 (3) other amounts deposited to the credit of the  
15 account, including:

16 (A) money deposited under Section [~~61.539(b) or~~  
17 61.5392];

18 (B) legislative appropriations; and

19 (C) money deposited under Section 155.2415, Tax  
20 Code.

21 SECTION 2. Sections 61.9730 and 61.9732, Education Code,  
22 are amended to read as follows:

23 Sec. 61.9730. TOTAL AMOUNT OF REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE. The  
24 total amount of repayment assistance distributed by the board under

1 this subchapter may not exceed the total amount of gifts, grants,  
2 and donations accepted by the board for repayment assistance [~~and~~  
3 ~~tuition set aside under Section 61.9731~~].

4 Sec. 61.9732. LIMITATIONS ON FUNDING. The loan repayment  
5 program under this subchapter may be funded only from[+]

6 [~~(1)~~] gifts, grants, and donations accepted by the  
7 board[~~, and~~

8 [~~(2)~~ ~~tuition set aside under Section 61.9731~~].

9 SECTION 3. The following provisions of the Education Code  
10 are repealed:

11 (1) Section 61.539; and

12 (2) Section 61.9731.

13 SECTION 4. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies  
14 beginning with tuition charged for the 2015 fall semester.

15 (b) Tuition charged for any semester or other academic term  
16 before the 2015 fall semester is covered by the applicable law as it  
17 existed before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is  
18 continued in effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.