

1-1 By: Howard, Darby, Crownover H.B. No. 2396  
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Seliger)  
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2015;  
1-4 May 11, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher  
1-5 Education; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-6 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to eliminating requirements that certain public  
1-19 institutions of higher education set aside portions of tuition for  
1-20 student loan repayment programs for certain physicians and state  
1-21 attorneys.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 61.5391(a), Education Code, is amended  
1-24 to read as follows:

1-25 (a) The physician education loan repayment program account  
1-26 is an account in the general revenue fund. The account is composed  
1-27 of:

1-28 (1) gifts and grants contributed to the account;  
1-29 (2) earnings on the principal of the account; and  
1-30 (3) other amounts deposited to the credit of the  
1-31 account, including:

1-32 (A) money deposited under Section [~~61.539(b) or~~  
1-33 61.5392;

1-34 (B) legislative appropriations; and

1-35 (C) money deposited under Section 155.2415, Tax  
1-36 Code.

1-37 SECTION 2. Sections 61.9730 and 61.9732, Education Code,  
1-38 are amended to read as follows:

1-39 Sec. 61.9730. TOTAL AMOUNT OF REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE. The  
1-40 total amount of repayment assistance distributed by the board under  
1-41 this subchapter may not exceed the total amount available for the  
1-42 program under Section 61.9732 [of gifts, grants, and donations  
1-43 accepted by the board for repayment assistance and tuition set  
1-44 aside under Section 61.9731].

1-45 Sec. 61.9732. LIMITATIONS ON FUNDING. The loan repayment  
1-46 program under this subchapter may be funded only from:

1-47 (1) gifts, grants, and donations accepted by the  
1-48 board; [~~and~~

1-49 (2) legislative appropriations for the program; and

1-50 (3) money budgeted for the program by the office of the  
1-51 attorney general from appropriations made to that office [tuition  
1-52 set aside under Section 61.9731].

1-53 SECTION 3. The following provisions of the Education Code  
1-54 are repealed:

1-55 (1) Section 61.539; and

1-56 (2) Section 61.9731.

1-57 SECTION 4. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies  
1-58 beginning with tuition charged for the 2015 fall semester.

1-59 (b) Tuition charged for any semester or other academic term  
1-60 before the 2015 fall semester is covered by the applicable law as it  
1-61 existed before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is

2-1 continued in effect for that purpose.

2-2 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-6 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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