

AN ACT

relating to continuing eligibility requirements for institutions of higher education to participate in the Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (T-STEM) Challenge Scholarship Program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.9794(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) To maintain eligibility, each year beginning with the third [~~second~~] year following implementation of a scholarship program under this subchapter, an institution must demonstrate to the board that at least 70 percent of the institution's T-STEM Challenge Scholarship recipients [~~graduates~~], within twelve [~~three~~] months of receipt of a scholarship [~~after graduation~~], are:

(1) employed [~~by a business in a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) field~~]; or

(2) enrolled in [~~upper-division~~] courses leading to a certificate, associate, or baccalaureate degree in a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) field.

SECTION 2. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall award scholarships under Subchapter GG, Chapter 61, Education Code, as amended by this Act, beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1066 passed the Senate on April 1, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1066 passed the House on April 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 129, Nays 10, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor