

By: Zaffirini

S.B. No. 1066

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to continuing eligibility requirements for institutions  
3 of higher education to participate in the Texas Science,  
4 Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (T-STEM) Challenge  
5 Scholarship Program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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