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H.B. No. 3330

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a legislative internship program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.09091 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.09091. LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM. (a) The board shall establish and administer a legislative internship program under which each eligible student selected to participate in the program may earn six hours of academic credit toward the student's degree program and a \$5,000 cost of living stipend for serving as a legislative intern for an office of a member of the legislature, a state agency, or a local governmental entity.

(b) To participate in the legislative internship program, a student must:

(1) apply for an internship in the manner prescribed by the board;

(2) have completed at least 60 hours toward an undergraduate degree;

(3) be enrolled at an institution of higher education;

(4) demonstrate exceptional skills in writing, composition, and computer literacy; and

(5) comply with other requirements established by the board under this section.

(c) The board shall adopt rules for the administration of

1 this section, including rules prescribing the procedure for the
2 application by, and the selection of, students eligible to
3 participate in the legislative internship program.

4 (d) The board may accept gifts, grants, and donations for
5 the purposes of this section.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.