

1-1 By: Seliger S.B. No. 885
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 14, 2017; February 28, 2017,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
 1-4 May 1, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 1, 2017,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 885 By: Seliger

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the maximum number of semester credit hours allowed for
 1-20 and funding sources used to supplement a TEXAS grant and to the
 1-21 removal of obsolete references related to the Teach for Texas grant
 1-22 program.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter M, Chapter 56, Education Code, is
 1-25 amended by adding Section 56.3051 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 56.3051. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS. A
 1-27 person may not receive a TEXAS grant for more than the lesser of:

1-28 (1) 135 semester credit hours or the equivalent; or

1-29 (2) 15 semester credit hours, or the equivalent, in

1-30 addition to the number of credit hours needed to complete the
 1-31 student's degree program.

1-32 SECTION 2. Section 56.307, Education Code, is amended by
 1-33 amending Subsection (j) to read as follows:

1-34 (j) A public institution of higher education shall use other
 1-35 available sources of financial aid, other than a loan or work study,
 1-36 to cover any difference in the amount of a TEXAS grant awarded to
 1-37 the student and the actual amount of tuition and required fees at
 1-38 the institution if the difference results from:

1-39 (1) a reduction in the amount of a TEXAS grant under
 1-40 Subsection (i-1); or

1-41 (2) a deficiency in the amount of the grant as
 1-42 established under Subsection (a) or (e), as applicable, to cover
 1-43 the full amount of tuition and required fees charged to the student
 1-44 by the institution.

1-45 SECTION 3. Section 56.308(b), Education Code, is amended to
 1-46 read as follows:

1-47 (b) Each school district shall:

1-48 (1) notify its middle school students, junior high
 1-49 school students, and high school students, those students' teachers
 1-50 and school counselors, and those students' parents of the TEXAS
 1-51 grant program [~~and Teach for Texas grant programs~~], the eligibility
 1-52 requirements of the [each] program, the need for students to make
 1-53 informed curriculum choices to be prepared for success beyond high
 1-54 school, and sources of information on higher education admissions
 1-55 and financial aid in a manner that assists the district in
 1-56 implementing a strategy adopted by the district under Section
 1-57 11.252(a)(4); and

1-58 (2) ensure that each student's official transcript or
 1-59 diploma indicates whether the student has completed or is on
 1-60 schedule to complete:

2-1 (A) the recommended or advanced high school
2-2 curriculum required for grant eligibility under Section 28.002 or
2-3 28.025; or
2-4 (B) for a school district covered by Section
2-5 56.304(f)(1), the required portion of the recommended or advanced
2-6 high school curriculum in the manner described by Section
2-7 56.304(f)(2).

2-8 SECTION 4. Sections 56.311(a), (b), (c), (c-1), (e), and
2-9 (g), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

2-10 (a) The Legislative Oversight Committee on the TEXAS grant
2-11 program [~~and Teach for Texas grant program~~] is composed of six
2-12 members as follows:

2-13 (1) three members of the senate appointed by the
2-14 lieutenant governor; and
2-15 (2) three members of the house of representatives
2-16 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

2-17 (b) The committee shall:

2-18 (1) meet at least twice a year with the coordinating
2-19 board; and
2-20 (2) receive information regarding rules relating to
2-21 the TEXAS grant program [~~and Teach for Texas grant program~~] that
2-22 have been adopted by the coordinating board or proposed for
2-23 adoption by the coordinating board.

2-24 (c) The committee may request reports and other information
2-25 from the coordinating board relating to the operation of the TEXAS
2-26 grant program [~~and Teach for Texas grant program~~] by the
2-27 coordinating board.

2-28 (c-1) ~~The [Not later than September 1 of each year, the]~~
2-29 ~~coordinating board shall include in its annual report to the~~
2-30 ~~legislature on financial aid in this state [provide] a report to the~~
2-31 ~~committee regarding the operation of the TEXAS grant program,~~
2-32 ~~including information from the three preceding state fiscal years~~
2-33 ~~as follows:~~

2-34 (1) allocations of TEXAS grants by eligible
2-35 institution, disaggregated by initial and subsequent awards;
2-36 (2) the number of TEXAS grants awarded to students
2-37 disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and expected family
2-38 contribution;
2-39 (3) disaggregated as required by Subdivision (2) and
2-40 reported both on a statewide basis and for each eligible
2-41 institution, the number of TEXAS grants awarded to students who
2-42 meet:

2-43 (A) only the eligibility criteria described by
2-44 Section 56.304; or
2-45 (B) the eligibility criteria described by
2-46 Section 56.3041(2)(A); and
2-47 (4) the persistence, retention, and graduation rates
2-48 of students receiving TEXAS grants.

2-49 (e) The committee shall monitor the operation of the TEXAS
2-50 grant program [~~and Teach for Texas grant program~~], with emphasis on
2-51 the manner of the award of grants, the number of grants awarded, and
2-52 the educational progress made by persons who have received grants
2-53 under the program [~~those programs~~].

2-54 (g) The report shall include identification of any problems
2-55 in the TEXAS grant program [~~and Teach for Texas grant program~~] with
2-56 recommended solutions for the coordinating board and for
2-57 legislative action.

2-58 SECTION 5. Section 56.304(d), Education Code, is repealed.

2-59 SECTION 6. The changes in law made by this Act apply
2-60 beginning with initial or subsequent TEXAS grants awarded for the
2-61 2018 fall semester. Initial or subsequent TEXAS grants awarded for
2-62 a semester or term before the 2018 fall semester are governed by the
2-63 applicable law in effect immediately before the effective date of
2-64 this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that
2-65 purpose.

2-66 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-67 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-68 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-69 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

3-1 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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