

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 34  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2018; February 1, 2019,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
 1-4 March 25, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 25, 2019,  
 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	X			
1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 34 By: Taylor

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the maximum number of semester credit hours allowed for  
 1-22 and funding sources used to supplement a TEXAS grant.

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 greater 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(j), Education Code, is amended to  
 1-33 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 Section 56.304(d), Education Code, is repealed.

1-46 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply  
 1-47 beginning with initial or subsequent TEXAS grants awarded for the  
 1-48 2021 fall semester. Initial or subsequent TEXAS grants awarded for  
 1-49 a semester or term before the 2021 fall semester are governed by the  
 1-50 applicable law in effect immediately before the effective date of  
 1-51 this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
 1-52 purpose.

1-53 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-54 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-55 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-56 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-57 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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