

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 330
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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-14	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 330 By: Menéndez

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

1-21 relating to the award of a grant under the Texas Educational
 1-22 Opportunity Grant Program to certain students enrolled in a
 1-23 baccalaureate degree program.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 56.402(b), Education Code, is amended to
 1-26 read as follows:

1-27 (b) The purpose of this subchapter is to provide a grant of
 1-28 money to enable eligible students to attend eligible [~~two-year~~
 1-29 ~~public~~] institutions [~~of higher education~~] in this state.

1-30 SECTION 2. Sections 56.404(a), (c), and (f), Education
 1-31 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-32 (a) To be eligible initially for a grant under the grant
 1-33 program, a person must:

1-34 (1) be a resident of this state as determined by
 1-35 coordinating board rules;

1-36 (2) meet financial need requirements as defined by the
 1-37 coordinating board;

1-38 (3) be enrolled in an associate or baccalaureate
 1-39 degree program or a certificate program at an eligible institution;

1-40 (4) be enrolled as an entering student for at least
 1-41 one-half of a full course load for an entering student in the
 1-42 associate or baccalaureate degree program or a certificate program,
 1-43 as determined by the coordinating board;

1-44 (5) have applied for any available financial aid or
 1-45 assistance; and

1-46 (6) comply with any additional nonacademic
 1-47 requirement adopted by the coordinating board under this
 1-48 subchapter.

1-49 (c) A person is not eligible to receive a grant under this
 1-50 subchapter if the person has been granted:

1-51 (1) an associate degree, if the person is enrolled in
 1-52 an associate degree or certificate program; or

1-53 (2) a baccalaureate degree.

1-54 (f) A person's eligibility for a grant under this subchapter
 1-55 ends on:

1-56 (1) the fourth anniversary of the initial award of a
 1-57 grant under this subchapter to the person and the person's
 1-58 enrollment in an eligible institution, if the person is enrolled in
 1-59 a degree or certificate program of two years or less; or

1-60 (2) the fifth anniversary of the initial award of a

2-1 grant under this subchapter to the person and the person's
 2-2 enrollment in an eligible institution, if the person is enrolled in
 2-3 a degree program of more than two years.

2-4 SECTION 3. Sections 56.405(a) and (d), Education Code, are
 2-5 amended to read as follows:

2-6 (a) After initially qualifying for a grant under this
 2-7 subchapter, a person may continue to receive a grant under this
 2-8 subchapter during each semester or term in which the person is
 2-9 enrolled at an eligible institution only if the person:

2-10 (1) meets financial need requirements as defined by
 2-11 the coordinating board;

2-12 (2) is enrolled in an associate or baccalaureate
 2-13 degree program or a certificate program at an eligible institution;

2-14 (3) is enrolled for at least one-half of a full course
 2-15 load for a student in an associate or baccalaureate degree program
 2-16 or a certificate program, as determined by the coordinating board;

2-17 (4) makes satisfactory academic progress toward an
 2-18 associate or baccalaureate degree or a certificate; and

2-19 (5) complies with any additional nonacademic
 2-20 requirement adopted by the coordinating board.

2-21 (d) For the purpose of this section, a person makes
 2-22 satisfactory academic progress toward an associate or
 2-23 baccalaureate degree or a certificate only if:

2-24 (1) in the person's first academic year the person
 2-25 meets the satisfactory academic progress requirements of the
 2-26 institution at which the person is enrolled; and

2-27 (2) in a subsequent academic year, the person:

2-28 (A) completes at least 75 percent of the semester
 2-29 credit hours attempted in the student's most recent academic year;
 2-30 and

2-31 (B) has earned an overall grade point average of
 2-32 at least 2.5 on a four-point scale or the equivalent on course work
 2-33 previously attempted at institutions of higher education.

2-34 SECTION 4. Subchapter P, Chapter 56, Education Code, is
 2-35 amended by adding Section 56.4051 to read as follows:

2-36 Sec. 56.4051. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS.

2-37 (a) A person who is enrolled in an associate degree program or a
 2-38 certificate program at an eligible institution may not receive a
 2-39 grant under this subchapter for more than 75 semester credit hours
 2-40 or the equivalent.

2-41 (b) A person who is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree
 2-42 program at an eligible institution may not receive a grant under
 2-43 this subchapter for more than the greater of:

2-44 (1) 135 semester credit hours or the equivalent; or

2-45 (2) 15 semester credit hours, or the equivalent, in
 2-46 addition to the number of credit hours needed to complete the
 2-47 person's baccalaureate degree program.

2-48 SECTION 5. Section 56.407(a), Education Code, is amended to
 2-49 read as follows:

2-50 (a) The amount of a grant under this subchapter for a
 2-51 student enrolled full-time at an eligible institution is the amount
 2-52 determined by the coordinating board as the average statewide
 2-53 amount of tuition and required fees that ~~[a resident student~~
 2-54 ~~enrolled full-time in an associate degree or certificate program]~~
 2-55 would be charged for that semester or term at eligible institutions
 2-56 to a resident student enrolled full-time in:

2-57 (1) an associate degree program or a certificate
 2-58 program, if the student receiving the grant is enrolled in an
 2-59 associate degree program or a certificate program; or

2-60 (2) a baccalaureate degree program, if the student
 2-61 receiving the grant is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program.

2-62 SECTION 6. Section 56.404(d), Education Code, is repealed.

2-63 SECTION 7. (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating
 2-64 Board shall adopt rules to administer the Texas Educational
 2-65 Opportunity Grant Program consistent with the changes made by this
 2-66 Act to Subchapter P, Chapter 56, Education Code, as soon as
 2-67 practicable after the effective date of this Act.

2-68 (b) The changes in law made by this Act to Subchapter P,
 2-69 Chapter 56, Education Code, apply beginning with initial or

3-1 subsequent grants awarded for the 2020 fall semester. Initial or
3-2 subsequent grants awarded for a semester or term before the 2020
3-3 fall semester are governed by the applicable law in effect
3-4 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former
3-5 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

3-6 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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