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S.B. No. 370

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the determination of student priority in awarding TEXAS
3 grants.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 56.303(d-1) and (f), Education Code,
6 are amended to read as follows:

7 (d-1) In allocating among eligible institutions money
8 available for initial TEXAS grants for an academic year, the
9 coordinating board shall ensure that each of those institutions'
10 proportional share of the total amount of money for initial grants
11 that is allocated to eligible institutions under this section for
12 that year does not, as a result of the number of students who
13 establish eligibility at the institution for an initial grant
14 awarded under the highest priority as described by Subsection (f)
15 ~~[under Section 56.3041(2)(A)]~~, change from the institution's
16 proportional share of the total amount of money for initial grants
17 that is allocated to those institutions under this section for the
18 preceding academic year.

19 (f) Beginning with TEXAS grants awarded for the 2013-2014
20 academic year, in determining who should receive an initial TEXAS
21 grant, each eligible institution, in addition to giving priority as
22 provided by Subsection (e), shall give highest priority equally to
23 students who meet the eligibility criteria described by Sections
24 56.3041(a)(2)(A) and (C) ~~[Section 56.3041(2)(A)]~~. If there is money

1 available in excess of the amount required to award an initial TEXAS
2 grant to all students meeting those criteria, an eligible
3 institution shall make awards to other students who meet the
4 eligibility criteria described by Section 56.304(a)(2)(A),
5 provided that the institution continues to give priority to
6 students as provided by Subsection (e).

7 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply
8 beginning with initial TEXAS grants awarded for the 2022 fall
9 semester. Initial TEXAS grants awarded for a semester or term
10 before the 2022 fall semester are governed by the applicable law in
11 effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the
12 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.