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H.B. No. 3559

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting consideration of certain factors regarding student financial assistance by public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 56, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 56.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 56.010. CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN FACTORS REGARDING STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROHIBITED. Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, an institution of higher education may not:

(1) award student financial assistance based on race, sex, gender, or sexual orientation; or

(2) pay for or advertise student financial assistance awarded based on race, sex, gender, or sexual orientation.

SECTION 2. Section 56.010, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with student financial assistance paid for, advertised, or awarded by a public institution of higher education for the 2026 fall semester. Student financial assistance paid for, advertised, or awarded for a term or semester before the 2026 fall semester is governed by the law in effect on the date on which the student financial assistance was paid for, advertised, or awarded, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.