

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1066
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2015; March 16, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
 1-4 March 25, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 25, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-7 Seliger | X | | | |
| 1-8 West | X | | | |
| 1-9 Bettencourt | X | | | |
| 1-10 Burton | X | | | |
| 1-11 Menéndez | X | | | |
| 1-12 Perry | X | | | |
| 1-13 Watson | X | | | |

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to continuing eligibility requirements for institutions
 1-18 of higher education to participate in the Texas Science,
 1-19 Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (T-STEM) Challenge
 1-20 Scholarship Program.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 61.9794(b), Education Code, is amended
 1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (b) To maintain eligibility, each year beginning with the
 1-25 third [~~second~~] year following implementation of a scholarship
 1-26 program under this subchapter, an institution must demonstrate to
 1-27 the board that at least 70 percent of the institution's T-STEM
 1-28 Challenge Scholarship recipients [~~graduates~~], within twelve
 1-29 [~~three~~] months of receipt of a scholarship [~~after graduation~~], are:

1-30 (1) ~~employed [by a business in a Science, Technology,~~
 1-31 ~~Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) field]; or~~

1-32 (2) enrolled in [~~upper-division~~] courses leading to a
 1-33 certificate, associate, or baccalaureate degree in a Science,
 1-34 Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) field.

1-35 SECTION 2. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
 1-36 shall award scholarships under Subchapter GG, Chapter 61, Education
 1-37 Code, as amended by this Act, beginning with the 2015-2016 academic
 1-38 year.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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