

1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 1757  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2019; March 14, 2019, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
 1-4 April 4, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
 1-5 Nays 0; April 4, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Creighton	X			
1-8 West	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Buckingham	X			
1-11 Flores	X			
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Powell	X			
1-14 Taylor	X			
1-15 Watson	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to student loan repayment assistance under the math and  
 1-20 science scholars loan repayment program.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section [61.9832](#), Education Code, is amended by  
 1-23 amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to  
 1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (a) To be eligible to receive loan repayment assistance  
 1-26 under this subchapter, a person must:

1-27 (1) apply annually for the loan repayment assistance  
 1-28 in the manner prescribed by the board;

1-29 (2) be a United States citizen;

1-30 (3) have completed an undergraduate or graduate  
 1-31 program in mathematics or science;

1-32 (4) have a cumulative grade point average of at least  
 1-33 3.0 [~~3.5~~] on a four-point scale or the equivalent;

1-34 (5) be:

1-35 (A) certified under Subchapter B, Chapter [21](#), to  
 1-36 teach mathematics or science in a public school in this state; or

1-37 (B) teaching under a probationary teaching  
 1-38 certificate;

1-39 (6) have been employed for at least one year as a  
 1-40 teacher teaching mathematics or science at a public school that  
 1-41 receives funding under Title I, Elementary and Secondary Education  
 1-42 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. Section 6301 et seq.);

1-43 (7) not be in default on any other education loan;

1-44 (8) not receive any other state or federal loan  
 1-45 repayment assistance, including a Teacher Education Assistance for  
 1-46 College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant or teacher loan  
 1-47 forgiveness;

1-48 (9) enter into an agreement with the board under  
 1-49 Subsection (c); and

1-50 (10) comply with any other requirement adopted by the  
 1-51 board under this subchapter.

1-52 (c) To receive loan repayment assistance under this  
 1-53 subchapter, a person must enter into an agreement with the board  
 1-54 that includes the following provisions:

1-55 (1) the person will accept an offer of full-time  
 1-56 employment to teach mathematics or science, as applicable based on  
 1-57 the person's certification, in a public school that receives  
 1-58 funding under Title I, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
 1-59 1965 (20 U.S.C. Section 6301 et seq.);

1-60 (2) the person will complete four consecutive years of  
 1-61 employment as a full-time classroom teacher in a school described

2-1 by Subdivision (1) whose primary duty is to teach mathematics or  
2-2 science, as applicable, based on the person's certification;

2-3 (3) beginning with the school year immediately  
2-4 following the last of the four consecutive school years described  
2-5 by Subdivision (2), the person will complete an [four] additional  
2-6 number of consecutive school years teaching in any public school in  
2-7 this state, as prescribed by board rule; and

2-8 (4) the person acknowledges the conditional nature of  
2-9 the loan repayment assistance.

2-10 (c-1) The rules adopted under Subsection (c)(3) may not  
2-11 require a person to complete more than four additional consecutive  
2-12 school years of teaching as described by that subdivision.

2-13 SECTION 2. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective  
2-14 date of this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
2-15 shall adopt rules necessary to administer Section 61.9832,  
2-16 Education Code, as amended by this Act.

2-17 (b) Section 61.9832, Education Code, as amended by this Act,  
2-18 applies only to a loan repayment assistance agreement entered into  
2-19 under Subchapter KK, Chapter 61, Education Code, on or after the  
2-20 effective date of this Act. A loan repayment assistance agreement  
2-21 entered into before the effective date of this Act is governed by  
2-22 the law in effect immediately before that date, and the former law  
2-23 is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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