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S.B. No. 1304

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notice to students of a public institution of higher education of the required use of a portion of the tuition paid by the student to provide student financial aid.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 56, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 56.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 56.014. NOTICE TO STUDENTS REGARDING TUITION SET ASIDE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. (a) An institution of higher education that is required by this subchapter to set aside a portion of the tuition paid by a student to provide financial assistance for students enrolled in the institution shall provide to each student of the institution who pays tuition from which a portion is required to be set aside for that purpose a notice of the amount of the tuition paid by the student that is required to be set aside.

(b) The institution shall provide the notice required by Subsection (a) to the student in a prominently printed statement:

(1) printed on or included with the student's tuition bill or billing statement, if the institution provides the student with a printed bill or billing statement for the payment of the student's tuition; or

(2) printed on or included with the student's tuition receipt, if the institution provides the student with a printed receipt evidencing the payment of the student's tuition.

1 (c) If the institution does not provide the student with a
2 printed tuition bill, tuition billing statement, or tuition receipt
3 for any semester or other academic term, the institution shall
4 include the notice required by Subsection (a) for that semester or
5 other term in a statement prominently displayed in an e-mail sent to
6 the student. The notice may be included in any other e-mail sent to
7 the student in connection with the student's tuition charges for
8 that semester or other term.

9 (d) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by rule
10 shall prescribe minimum standards for the manner, form, and content
11 of the notice required by this section.

12 SECTION 2. (a) Section 56.014, Education Code, as added by
13 this Act, applies beginning with tuition charged for the 2010
14 spring semester.

15 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
16 adopt the rules required by Section 56.014, Education Code, as
17 added by this Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date
18 of this Act. For that purpose, the coordinating board may adopt the
19 initial rules in the manner provided by law for emergency rules.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.