

AN ACT

relating to notice to students of a public institution of higher education of the required use of a portion of a student's tuition payments 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 a student's tuition payments 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 regarding the specific amount that is required to be set aside by the institution.

(b) The institution shall provide the notice required by Subsection (a) to the student in a prominently printed statement that appears on or is included with:

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1304 passed the Senate on May 12, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 30, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1304 passed the House, with amendment, on May 27, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor