

1-1 By: Patrick S.B. No. 1304
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2009; March 17, 2009, read
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1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1304 By: Patrick

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to notice to students of a public institution of higher
1-11 education of the required use of a portion of the tuition paid by
1-12 the student to provide student financial aid.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 56, Education Code, is
1-15 amended by adding Section 56.014 to read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 56.014. NOTICE TO STUDENTS REGARDING TUITION SET ASIDE
1-17 FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. (a) An institution of higher education
1-18 that is required by this subchapter to set aside a portion of the
1-19 tuition paid by a student to provide financial assistance for
1-20 students enrolled in the institution shall provide to each student
1-21 of the institution who pays tuition from which a portion is required
1-22 to be set aside for that purpose a notice of the amount of the
1-23 tuition paid by the student that is required to be set aside.

1-24 (b) The institution shall provide the notice required by
1-25 Subsection (a) to the student in a prominently printed statement:

1-26 (1) printed on or included with the student's tuition
1-27 bill or billing statement, if the institution provides the student
1-28 with a printed bill or billing statement for the payment of the
1-29 student's tuition; or

1-30 (2) printed on or included with the student's tuition
1-31 receipt, if the institution provides the student with a printed
1-32 receipt evidencing the payment of the student's tuition.

1-33 (c) If the institution does not provide the student with a
1-34 printed tuition bill, tuition billing statement, or tuition receipt
1-35 for any semester or other academic term, the institution shall
1-36 include the notice required by Subsection (a) for that semester or
1-37 other term in a statement prominently displayed in an e-mail sent to
1-38 the student. The notice may be included in any other e-mail sent to
1-39 the student in connection with the student's tuition charges for
1-40 that semester or other term.

1-41 (d) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by rule
1-42 shall prescribe minimum standards for the manner, form, and content
1-43 of the notice required by this section.

1-44 SECTION 2. (a) Section 56.014, Education Code, as added by
1-45 this Act, applies beginning with tuition charged for the 2010
1-46 spring semester.

1-47 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
1-48 adopt the rules required by Section 56.014, Education Code, as
1-49 added by this Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date
1-50 of this Act. For that purpose, the coordinating board may adopt the
1-51 initial rules in the manner provided by law for emergency rules.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-53 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-54 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-55 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-56 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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