

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the statute governing Tuition Equalization Grant program contains out-of-date or unclear language. As proposed, S.B. 149 updates names and statutory references to clarify program requirements in light of recent actions taken by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 61.221 and 61.222, Education Code as follows:

Sec. 61.221. TUITION EQUALIZATION GRANTS AUTHORIZED. Authorizes the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), rather than the Texas College and University System, to provide tuition equalization grants to Texas residents enrolled in any approved private Texas college or university, based on student financial need, but not to exceed a grant amount of more than that specified in the appropriation by the legislature.

Sec. 61.222. APPROVED INSTITUTIONS. Requires the THECB to approve only those private or independent colleges or universities that are private or independent institutions of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, rather than associations, agencies, institutions, and facilities, or are located within this state and meet the same program standards and accreditation as, rather than comparable to, public institutions of higher education as determined by the THECB.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.