

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the Texas Family Code states that a child support obligor who is more than 30 days delinquent in paying child support and a business entity in which the obligor is a sole proprietor, partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent is not eligible to receive a state-funded grant or loan. C.S.H.B. 529 prevents delinquent child support obligors from receiving a scholarship, a loan associated with an educational loan repayment program, and any other student financial assistance that is conditioned on the performance of some service obligation after graduation or to receive a federally funded educational loan that is administered by the state.

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 Section 231.006, Family Code, by adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (b), as follows:

(a-1) Provides that a child support obligor who is more than six months delinquent in paying child support is not eligible to receive student financial assistance paid directly to the obligor by the comptroller. Provides that this subsection does not apply to an obligor who submits certain sworn affidavits and certain written statements to the comptroller.

(b) Provides that a child support obligor or business entity ineligible to receive payments under Subsection (a) or a child support obligor ineligible to receive payments under Subsection (a-1) remains ineligible until all arrearages have been paid or the obligor is in compliance with a written repayment agreement or court order as to any existing delinquency.

SECTION 2. (a) Effective date: September 1, 2003.

(b) Provides that the change in law made by this Act applies only to student financial assistance paid on or after the effective date of this Act.