

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the ineligibility of a delinquent child support obligor
3 to receive state-funded or state-administered student financial
4 assistance.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 231.006, Family Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (b) to read as
8 follows:

9 (a-1) A child support obligor who is more than six months
10 delinquent in paying child support is not eligible to receive
11 student financial assistance paid directly to the obligor by the
12 comptroller. This subsection does not apply to an obligor who
13 submits to the comptroller:

14 (1) a sworn affidavit from the obligor or obligee
15 stating that the obligor is current on the obligor's child support
16 payments; and

17 (2) a written statement from the obligor that the
18 obligor has made a request to the Title IV-D agency to correct the
19 errors in the obligor's payment record.

20 (b) A child support obligor or business entity ineligible to
21 receive payments under Subsection (a) or a child support obligor
22 ineligible to receive payments under Subsection (a-1) remains
23 ineligible until:

24 (1) all arrearages have been paid; or

1 (2) the obligor is in compliance with a written
2 repayment agreement or court order as to any existing delinquency.

3 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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

David Newburn

President of the Senate

Jim Cusick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 529 was passed by the House on May 1, 2003, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 529 on May 26, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 529 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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