BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

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DIGEST

Currently, an institution of higher education can award a scholarship, grant, or other financial assistance to a student on the basis of the student's status as an athlete. Some scholarships and awards have certain restrictions the recipient must fulfill, however, there are no statewide standards that require a certain level of academic achievement to be maintained. This bill places certain restrictions on awarding scholarships, grants, or other financial assistance on the basis of a student being a student athlete.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2010 places certain restrictions on awarding scholarships, grants, or other financial assistance on the basis of a student being a student athlete.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 56A, Education Code, by adding Section 56.004, as follows:

Sec. 56.004. ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP RESTRICTIONS. Authorizes an institution of higher education or other entity to award a scholarship, grant, or other financial assistance funded by state revenue to a student on the basis of the student's status as a student athlete if certain conditions apply relating to a student's grade point average. Requires a scholarship, grant, or other financial assistance awarded by the institution to be conditioned on the student's compliance with Subsection (a) in each academic year the student receives the scholarship, grant, or other assistance. Defines "student athlete."

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.