

1-1 By: Morrison (Senate Sponsor - Williams) H.B. No. 1890
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 14, 2003;
1-3 April 15, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; May 19, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 19, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to tuition rebates to certain undergraduate students who
1-9 graduate from an institution of higher education without excessive
1-10 semester credit hours.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 54.0065(a), Education Code, is amended
1-13 to read as follows:

1-14 (a) A qualified student is eligible for a rebate of a
1-15 portion of the undergraduate tuition the student has paid if the
1-16 student:

1-17 (1) is awarded a baccalaureate degree from a general
1-18 academic teaching institution; and

1-19 (2) has attempted no more than three hours in excess of
1-20 the minimum number of semester credit hours required to complete
1-21 the degree, including:

1-22 (A) transfer credits; and

1-23 (B) course credit earned exclusively by
1-24 examination, except that, for purposes of this subsection, only the
1-25 number of semester credit hours earned exclusively by examination
1-26 in excess of nine semester credit hours is treated as hours
1-27 attempted.

1-28 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
1-29 54.0065, Education Code, applies only to a student who graduates
1-30 from an institution of higher education on or after the effective
1-31 date of this Act.

1-32 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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