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S.B. No. 723

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to tuition rebates to certain undergraduate students who  
3 graduate from an institution of higher education without excessive  
4 semester credit hours.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 54.0065(a), Education Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (a) A qualified student is eligible for a rebate of a  
9 portion of the undergraduate tuition the student has paid if the  
10 student:

11 (1) is awarded a baccalaureate degree from a general  
12 academic teaching institution; and

13 (2) has attempted no more than three hours in excess of  
14 the minimum number of semester credit hours required to complete  
15 the degree, including:

16 (A) transfer credits; and

17 (B) course credit earned exclusively by  
18 examination, except that, for purposes of this subsection, only the  
19 number of semester credit hours earned exclusively by examination  
20 in excess of nine semester credit hours is treated as hours  
21 attempted.

22 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
23 54.0065, Education Code, applies only to a student who graduates  
24 from an institution of higher education on or after the effective

1 date of this Act.

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