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S.B. No. 1163

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Early High School Graduation Scholarship Program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56.204, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An eligible person under the Early High School Graduation Scholarship program is entitled to \$2,000 [~~\$1,000~~] in state tuition credits at a Texas public or private institution of higher education.

(b) The use of a credit at a Texas private institution is contingent on a private institution's agreement to match the state tuition credit.

(c) A person eligible for a tuition credit under the tuition credit program authorized by Rider 1223, page III-9, Chapter 19, Acts of the 72nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1991 (the General Appropriations Act), who did not receive a credit under that program is eligible for and entitled to \$2,000 [~~\$1,000~~] in state tuition credits under this subchapter. This subsection expires September 1, 2005.

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