

1-1 By: Bivins S.B. No. 1366
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1-6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1366 By: Ogden

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to eligibility under the Early High School Graduation
1-10 Scholarship program.

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

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 56.203, Education Code, is amended to
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 56.203. ELIGIBLE PERSON. (a) To be eligible for the
1-15 Early High School Graduation Scholarship program, a person must:

1-16 (1) have the written approval of at least one of the
1-17 person's parents or a person standing in parental relation to the
1-18 person;

1-19 (2) have successfully completed the recommended or
1-20 advanced high school program established under Section 28.025
1-21 [~~requirements for a public high school diploma~~] in not more than 36
1-22 consecutive months and graduated or be eligible for graduation from
1-23 a Texas public high school;

1-24 (3) have attended high school in this state only; and

1-25 (4) be a Texas resident as defined by Texas Higher
1-26 Education Coordinating Board rule.

1-27 (b) A person who does not satisfy the curriculum
1-28 requirements of Subsection (a)(2) is considered to have satisfied
1-29 those requirements if the high school from which the person
1-30 graduated indicates on the person's transcript that the person was
1-31 unable to complete the appropriate curriculum within the time
1-32 prescribed by that subsection solely because necessary courses were
1-33 unavailable to the person at the appropriate times in the person's
1-34 high school career as a result of course scheduling, lack of
1-35 enrollment capacity, or another cause not within the person's
1-36 control.

1-37 SECTION 2. Section 28.025, Education Code, is amended by
1-38 adding Subsections (g) and (g-1) to read as follows:

1-39 (g) If a student, other than a student permitted to take
1-40 courses under the minimum high school program as provided by
1-41 Subsection (b), is unable to complete the recommended or advanced
1-42 high school program solely because necessary courses were
1-43 unavailable to the student at the appropriate times in the
1-44 student's high school career as a result of course scheduling, lack
1-45 of enrollment capacity, or another cause not within the student's
1-46 control, the school district shall indicate that fact on the
1-47 student's transcript form described by Subsection (e).

1-48 (g-1) Subsection (g) applies to students entering grade
1-49 nine during or after the 2003-2004 school year. This subsection
1-50 expires January 1, 2004.

1-51 SECTION 3. Section 56.203, Education Code, as amended by
1-52 this Act, applies only to a person who enters grade nine during or
1-53 after the 2003-2004 school year. A person who enters grade nine
1-54 before the 2003-2004 school year is governed by Section 56.203,
1-55 Education Code, as it existed before amendment by this Act, and the
1-56 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-57 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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