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H.B. No. 86

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to tuition rebates provided by general academic teaching  
3 institutions to students who participate in the Reserve Officers'  
4 Training Corps.

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 within the period prescribed by  
13 Section 56.462(1)(A) or (B), as applicable, to qualify for  
14 forgiveness of a Texas B-On-time loan; and

15 (2) has attempted no more than three hours in excess of  
16 the minimum number of semester credit hours required to complete  
17 the degree program:

18 (A) [~~7~~] including:

19 (i) [~~A~~] transfer credits; and

20 (ii) [~~B~~] course credit earned  
21 exclusively by examination, except that, for purposes of this  
22 subsection, only the number of semester credit hours earned  
23 exclusively by examination in excess of nine semester credit hours  
24 is treated as hours attempted; and

1                   (B) excluding course credit that is earned to  
2 satisfy requirements for a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)  
3 program but that is not required to complete the degree program.

4           SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
5 to a student who is awarded a baccalaureate degree from a general  
6 academic teaching institution on or after the effective date of  
7 this Act.

8           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.