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H.B. No. 209

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to eligibility for an award through the Early High School
3 Graduation Scholarship program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 56.203, Education Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as
7 follows:

8 (a) To be eligible for an award through the Early High
9 School Graduation Scholarship program, a person must:

10 (1) have graduated from a public high school in this
11 state:

12 (A) in not more than 41 consecutive months and
13 successfully completed the recommended or advanced high school
14 program established under Section 28.025, if the person graduated
15 on or after September 1, 2005;

16 (B) in not more than 46 [~~45~~] consecutive months,
17 with at least 30 hours of college credit, and successfully
18 completed the recommended or advanced high school program
19 established under Section 28.025, if the person graduated on or
20 after September 1, 2005; or

21 (C) in not more than 36 consecutive months after
22 successfully completing the requirements for a high school diploma,
23 if the person graduated before September 1, 2005, regardless of
24 whether the person successfully completed the recommended or

1 advanced high school program established under Section 28.025; and
2 (2) have attended [~~high school exclusively in~~] one or
3 more public high schools in this state for the majority of time the
4 person attended high school [~~, and~~
5 [~~(3) be a Texas resident as defined by coordinating~~
6 ~~board rule~~].

7 (e) The coordinating board shall adopt rules for
8 determining whether a person attended public high school in this
9 state as required by Subsection (a)(2).

10 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
11 a student who graduates from a public high school in this state on
12 or after the effective date of this Act. A student who graduates
13 from a public high school in this state before the effective date of
14 this Act and the student's eligibility to participate in the Early
15 High School Graduation Scholarship program is governed by the law
16 in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the
17 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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