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H.B. No. 209

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

(1) have graduated from high school:

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

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

(C) in not more than 36 consecutive months after successfully completing the requirements for a high school diploma, if the person graduated before September 1, 2005, regardless of whether the person successfully completed the recommended or advanced high school program established under Section 28.025;

1           (2) have attended high school exclusively in one or  
2 more public high schools in this state, except as provided by  
3 Subsection (e); and

4           (3) be a Texas resident as defined by coordinating  
5 board rule, except as provided by Subsection (e).

6           (e) A person described by Subsection (a)(1)(A) or (B) who is  
7 otherwise eligible for an award and who is a migratory child, as  
8 defined by 20 U.S.C. Section 6399, is eligible for an award through  
9 the Early High School Graduation Scholarship program despite the  
10 student's inability to satisfy Subsection (a)(2) or (3) if:

11           (1) the person graduates from a public high school in  
12 this state; and

13           (2) the primary reason for the person's attendance at  
14 each high school the person attended other than a public high school  
15 in this state is the migratory agricultural or fishing work of the  
16 person, the person's parent, or the person's spouse.

17           (f) The coordinating board shall adopt rules for  
18 determining under Subsection (e)(2) whether the primary reason for  
19 a person's attendance at a high school other than a public high  
20 school in this state is the migratory agricultural or fishing work  
21 of the person, the person's parent, or the person's spouse. The  
22 coordinating board may adopt other rules the board considers  
23 necessary for the administration of Subsection (e).

24           SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
25 a student who graduates from a public high school in this state on  
26 or after the effective date of this Act. A student who graduates  
27 from a public high school in this state before the effective date of

1 this Act and the student's eligibility to participate in the Early  
2 High School Graduation Scholarship program is governed by the law  
3 in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the  
4 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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