

1-1 By: Lucio III, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.B. No. 2383  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 11, 2007;  
1-3 May 15, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Education; May 21, 2007, reported favorably, as amended, by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 21, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1 By: Shapiro

1-7 Amend H.B. No. 2383 on page 1, line 39 through page 2, line 5 of the  
1-8 House Engrossed Version by striking SECTION 2 in its entirety.  
1-9 Then, renumber the remaining sections of the bill accordingly.

1-10 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-11 AN ACT

1-12 relating to the provision of certain subsidies and scholarships to  
1-13 particular public school students or graduates.

1-14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-15 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 29, Education Code, is  
1-16 amended by adding Section 29.190 to read as follows:

1-17 Sec. 29.190. SUBSIDY FOR CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION. (a) A  
1-18 student is entitled to a subsidy under this section if the student:

1-19 (1) successfully completes the career and technology  
1-20 program of a school district in which the student receives training  
1-21 and instruction for employment in a certain trade or occupation;

1-22 (2) passes a certification examination to qualify for  
1-23 a license or certificate for the trade or occupation; and

1-24 (3) demonstrates financial need.

1-25 (b) The commissioner shall adopt guidelines for determining  
1-26 financial need consistent with the definition of financial need  
1-27 adopted by the College Board and Education Testing Service.

1-28 (c) On approval by the commissioner, the agency shall pay  
1-29 each eligible student an amount equal to the cost paid by the  
1-30 student for the certification examination. To obtain a subsidy  
1-31 under this section, a student must:

1-32 (1) pay the fee for the examination; and

1-33 (2) submit to the commissioner a written application  
1-34 on a form prescribed by the commissioner demonstrating financial  
1-35 need and the amount of the fee paid by the student for the  
1-36 certification examination.

1-37 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to  
1-38 implement this section.

1-39 SECTION 2. Section 56.203, Education Code, is amended by  
1-40 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as  
1-41 follows:

1-42 (a) To be eligible for an award through the Early High  
1-43 School Graduation Scholarship program, a person must:

1-44 (1) have graduated from a public high school in this  
1-45 state:

1-46 (A) in not more than 41 consecutive months and  
1-47 successfully completed the recommended or advanced high school  
1-48 program established under Section 28.025, if the person graduated  
1-49 on or after September 1, 2005;

1-50 (B) in not more than 45 consecutive months, with  
1-51 at least 30 hours of college credit, and successfully completed the  
1-52 recommended or advanced high school program established under  
1-53 Section 28.025, if the person graduated on or after September 1,  
1-54 2005; or

1-55 (C) in not more than 36 consecutive months after  
1-56 successfully completing the requirements for a high school diploma,  
1-57 if the person graduated before September 1, 2005, regardless of  
1-58 whether the person successfully completed the recommended or  
1-59 advanced high school program established under Section 28.025; and

1-60 (2) have attended [~~high school exclusively in~~] one or  
1-61 more public high schools in this state for the majority of time the  
1-62 person attended high school[, and

2-1 [~~(3) be a Texas resident as defined by coordinating~~  
2-2 ~~board rule~~].

2-3 (e) The coordinating board shall adopt rules for  
2-4 determining whether a person attended public high school in this  
2-5 state as required by Subsection (a)(2).

2-6 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act to Section  
2-7 56.203, Education Code, apply only to a student who graduates from a  
2-8 public high school in this state on or after the effective date of  
2-9 this Act. A student who graduates from a public high school in this  
2-10 state before the effective date of this Act and the student's  
2-11 eligibility to participate in the Early High School Graduation  
2-12 Scholarship program is governed by the law in effect immediately  
2-13 before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is  
2-14 continued in effect for that purpose.

2-15 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008  
2-16 school year.

2-17 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-21 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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