

House Bill 2383
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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

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

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

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

(3) demonstrates financial need.

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

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

(1) pay the fee for the examination; and

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

(d) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

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No equivalent provision.

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SECTION __. Section 42.152, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (s), (s-1), (s-2), and (s-3) to read as follows:

(s) In addition to the allotment provided under Subsection (a), a school district is entitled to an annual allotment equal to \$650:

(1) for each student in average daily attendance who has a parent or guardian who is serving on active duty in a combat zone as a member of the armed forces of the United States; and

(2) for each student in average daily attendance who:

(A) has a parent or guardian serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States; and

(B) has transferred to a campus in the district during the school year as a result of a change in residence because of an action taken under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. Section 2687).

(s-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a school district may use funds allotted to the district under Subsection (s) only to provide supplemental programs and services described by Subsection (c) for students described by Subsection (s) who are enrolled in the district.

(s-2) The amount appropriated for allotments under Subsection (s) may not exceed \$9.9 million in a school year. If the total amount of allotments to which districts are entitled under Subsection (s) for a school year exceeds the amount appropriated for allotments under that subsection, the commissioner shall reduce each district's allotment under that subsection proportionately.

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(s-3) Subsections (s), (s-1), (s-2), and this subsection expire September 1, 2012.

SECTION 2. Section 56.203, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) 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 a public high school in this state:

(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; and

(2) have attended ~~[high school exclusively in]~~ one or more public high schools in this state for the majority of time the person attended high school; and

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(B) in not more than 46 [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; and

(2) have attended ~~[high school exclusively in]~~ one or more public high schools in this state for the majority of time the person attended high school; and

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

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

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

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

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

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(3) be a citizen of the United States or otherwise lawfully authorized to be present in the United States ~~[Texas resident as defined by coordinating board rule].~~

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