

1-1 By: Shapleigh S.B. No. 324
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 324 By: Patrick

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the tuition rebate program for certain undergraduate
1-11 students at general academic teaching institutions.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 54.0065, Education Code, is amended by
1-14 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (b-1), (b-2), (j),
1-15 and (k) to read as follows:

1-16 (b) Except as provided by Subsections (b-1) and (b-2), the
1-17 [The] amount of tuition to be rebated to a student graduating in an
1-18 academic year [under this section] is the amount certified for that
1-19 academic year to the governing board of the general academic
1-20 teaching institution by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
1-21 Board under this section.

1-22 (b-1) The amount of tuition to be rebated to a student is two
1-23 times the certified amount if the student satisfies the
1-24 requirements of this section in three years or less.

1-25 (b-2) If [~~\$1,000, unless~~] the total amount of undergraduate
1-26 tuition paid by the student to the general academic teaching
1-27 institution [~~of higher education~~] awarding the degree was less than
1-28 the full amount of rebate under Subsection (b) or (b-1), as
1-29 applicable, [~~\$1,000, in which event~~] the amount of tuition to be
1-30 rebated is an amount equal to the amount of undergraduate tuition
1-31 paid by the student to the institution. However, the [a] student
1-32 [~~who paid the institution awarding the degree an amount of~~
1-33 ~~undergraduate tuition less than \$1,000~~] may qualify for an increase
1-34 in the amount of the rebate, not to exceed the applicable amount
1-35 under Subsection (b) or (b-1) [~~a total rebate of \$1,000~~], for any
1-36 amount of undergraduate tuition the student paid to other
1-37 institutions of higher education by providing the institution with
1-38 proof of the total amount of that tuition paid to other institutions
1-39 of higher education.

1-40 (j) Not later than August 15 of each academic year, the
1-41 coordinating board shall determine and certify to the governing
1-42 board of each general academic teaching institution the amount of
1-43 tuition to be rebated by that institution under Subsection (b) to
1-44 each student graduating in the next academic year. The amount
1-45 certified must equal the rebate amount certified in the preceding
1-46 academic year to the general academic teaching institution under
1-47 this subsection for rebates awarded under Subsection (b) in the
1-48 current academic year, increased by a percentage, expressed in
1-49 decimal form rounded to the nearest hundredth, that equals the
1-50 percentage by which that institution has increased from the current
1-51 academic year to the next academic year the total amount of tuition
1-52 charged under Section 54.0513 or another law authorizing the
1-53 institution to establish tuition rates.

1-54 (k) Notwithstanding Subsection (j), not later than October
1-55 31, 2009, the coordinating board shall determine and certify to the
1-56 governing board of each general academic teaching institution the
1-57 amount of tuition to be rebated by that institution under
1-58 Subsection (b) to students graduating in the 2009-2010 academic
1-59 year. The amount certified must equal the full amount of a rebate
1-60 authorized to be awarded by general academic teaching institutions
1-61 under Subsection (b), as that subsection existed on January 1,
1-62 2009, during the 2008-2009 academic year, increased by a
1-63 percentage, expressed in decimal form rounded to the nearest

2-1 hundredth, that equals the percentage by which the institution for
2-2 which the certification is made has increased from the 2003-2004
2-3 academic year to the 2009-2010 academic year the total amount of
2-4 tuition charged under Section 54.0513 or another law authorizing
2-5 the institution to establish tuition rates. For purposes of
2-6 Subsection (j), the amount certified under this subsection is
2-7 considered to have been certified under Subsection (j) on August
2-8 15, 2009. This subsection expires January 1, 2011.

2-9 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies
2-10 only to a student who is awarded a baccalaureate degree from a
2-11 general academic teaching institution on or after September 1,
2-12 2009.

2-13 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may adopt
2-14 rules under Section 54.0065, Education Code, as amended by this
2-15 Act, for rebates awarded during the 2009-2010 academic year in the
2-16 manner provided by law for the adoption of emergency rules.

2-17 SECTION 3. 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, 2009.

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