

By: Gallegos

S.B. No. 2267

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 Subsections (a) and (e) and adding Subsection (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 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 46 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

1 advanced high school program established under Section 28.025;

2 (2) have attended one or more public high schools in
3 this state for the majority of time the person attended high school,
4 except as provided by Subsection (f); and

5 (3) except as provided by Subsection (f), be a citizen
6 of the United States or otherwise lawfully authorized to be present
7 in the United States.

8 (e) The coordinating board shall adopt rules for
9 determining whether a person attended public high school in this
10 state as required by Subsection (a)(2) and for determining under
11 Subsection (f)(2) whether a person attended a high school other
12 than a public high school in this state primarily because of the
13 migratory agricultural or fishing work of the person, the person's
14 parent, or the person's spouse. The coordinating board may adopt
15 other rules the board considers necessary for the administration of
16 Subsection (f).

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

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

24 (2) the person attended one or more high schools,
25 other than a public high school in this state, for one or more
26 periods primarily because of the migratory agricultural or fishing
27 work of the person, the person's parent, or the person's spouse, and

1 the person would have satisfied Subsection (a)(2) if the person had
2 attended a public high school in this state during that period or
3 those periods.

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

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.