

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**April 17, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB2267** by Gallegos (Relating to eligibility for an award through the Early High School Graduation Scholarship program.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would modify eligibility requirements for an award through the Early High School Graduation Scholarship program as it pertains to migratory children.

Based on information provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, in fiscal year 2008 a total of 5,737 students received awards through the Early High School Graduation Scholarship Program (EHS). This number represented 1.01% of the 568,028 students enrolled in grades 11 and 12 in fiscal year 2008. During that same year, the share of students in all grades reported as migrant students equaled 0.8%. To determine the share of students in grades 11 and 12 who were migrant and would be likely to receive EHS awards they multiplied 568,028 students by .0101 (the share receiving scholarships), and then by .008 (the share of the students who were migratory). Based on these assumptions 46 additional students would receive EHS awards per year. If the 46 new recipients attended the types of institutions in the same proportion to the recipients in fiscal year 2008, 12 of the students would attend public universities and receive an average of \$1,469 each, 32 would attend community colleges and receive awards averaging \$766, and 1 would attend a private institution and receive \$1,594. These additional 46 awards represent a total of \$43,743 in exempted tuition and fee charges for the students. The funds are reimbursed by the state through the Foundation Program. These costs are not considered significant.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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