By: Branch   H.B. No. 3514

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to student eligibility for tuition rebates offered by

3 general academic teaching institutions.

4   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5   SECTION 1. Section 54.0065(a), Education Code, is amended

6 to read as follows:

7   (a) A qualified student is eligible for a rebate of a

8 portion of the undergraduate tuition the student has paid if the

9 student:

10   (1) is awarded a baccalaureate degree from a general

11 academic teaching institution within the period prescribed by

12 Section 56.462(1)(A) or (B), as applicable, to qualify for

13 forgiveness of a Texas B-On-time loan; and

14   (2) has attempted no more than three hours in excess of

15 the minimum number of semester credit hours required to complete

16 the degree program:

17   (A) including:

18   (i) transfer credits; and

19   (ii) course credit earned exclusively by

20 examination, except that, for purposes of this subsection, only the

21 number of semester credit hours earned exclusively by examination

22 in excess of nine semester credit hours is treated as hours

23 attempted; and

24   (B) excluding:

1   (i) course credit that is earned to satisfy

2 requirements for a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program

3 but that is not required to complete the degree program; and

4   (ii) course   credit,   other   than   course

5 credit earned exclusively by examination, that is earned before

6 graduating from high school and used to satisfy high school

7 graduation requirements.

8   SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only

9 to a student who is awarded a baccalaureate degree from a general

10 academic teaching institution on or after the effective date of

11 this Act.

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, 2011.