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H.B. No. 3708

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to the Early High School Graduation Scholarship Program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56.204(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 56.204. ENTITLEMENT. (a) Out of funds appropriated for this purpose, the commissioner shall award an eligible person under the Early High School Graduation Scholarship program ~~[is entitled to]~~ a state credit to apply toward tuition or tuition and mandatory fees, as applicable, at a public or private institution of higher education in this state in the following amounts:

(1) \$2,000 to apply toward tuition and mandatory fees if the person successfully completed the recommended or advanced high school program established under Section 28.025 and graduated from high school on or after September 1, 2005, in 36 consecutive months or less and an additional \$1,000 to apply toward tuition and mandatory fees if the person graduated with at least 15 hours of college credit;

(2) \$500 to apply toward tuition and mandatory fees if the person successfully completed the recommended or advanced high school program established under Section 28.025 and graduated from high school on or after September 1, 2005, in more than 36 consecutive months but not more than 41 consecutive months and an additional \$1,000 to apply toward tuition and mandatory fees if the

1 person graduated with at least 30 hours of college credit;

2 (3) \$1,000 to apply toward tuition and mandatory fees
3 if the person successfully completed the recommended or advanced
4 high school program established under Section 28.025 and graduated
5 from high school on or after September 1, 2005, in more than 41
6 consecutive months but not more than 45 consecutive months with at
7 least 30 hours of college credit; or

8 (4) \$1,000 to apply only toward tuition if the person
9 graduated before September 1, 2005, after successfully completing
10 the requirements for a high school diploma in not more than 36
11 consecutive months.

12 SECTION 2. Subsection 56.202(b) and Section 56.208,
13 Education Code, are repealed.

14 SECTION 3. The changes made by this Act apply to tuition and
15 fees charged beginning with the 2011 fall semester.

16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.