

AN ACT

relating to student eligibility for tuition rebates offered by general academic teaching institutions.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 54.0065, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A qualified student is eligible for a rebate of a portion of the undergraduate tuition the student has paid if the student:

(1) is awarded a baccalaureate degree from a general academic teaching institution within the period prescribed by Section 56.462(1)(A) or (B), as applicable, to qualify for forgiveness of a Texas B-On-time loan; and

(2) has attempted no more than three hours in excess of the minimum number of semester credit hours required to complete the degree program:

(A) including:

(i) transfer credits; and

(ii) course credit earned exclusively by examination, except that, for purposes of this subsection, only the number of semester credit hours earned exclusively by examination in excess of nine semester credit hours is treated as hours attempted; and

(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.

7            SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
8 to a student who is awarded a baccalaureate degree from a general  
9 academic teaching institution on or after the effective date of  
10 this Act.

11            SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 176 passed the Senate on March 17, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 25, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 176 passed the House, with amendment, on May 20, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 149, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor