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S.B. No. 176

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 176:

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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.

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.