

AN ACT

relating to tuition rebates to certain undergraduate students who graduate from an institution of higher education without excessive semester credit hours.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.0065(a), 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; and

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

(A) transfer credits; and

(B) 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.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section 54.0065, Education Code, applies only to a student who graduates from an institution of higher education on or after the effective

1 date of this Act.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

David Newkum

President of the Senate

Jim Caddick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1890 was passed by the House on April 10, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Hamey  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1890 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Saw  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 20 JUN 103

Date

Rick Perry  
Governor

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Secretary of State