

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current law, the tuition rebate program permits a college student to apply for a \$1,000 rebate of his or her college tuition upon graduation if undergraduate course requirements have been completed "efficiently," which in some cases means the student has taken as few classes as possible. Furthermore, the number of rebates awarded appears to be low compared to graduation rates at Texas' public colleges and universities. HB 1890 exempts up to nine hours of advanced placement classes from the total of "hours attempted." This bill makes the rebate available to more students while furthering the program's goal of efficiency by easing these requirements in the area of advanced placement credit.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 54.0065(a), Education Code, to provide that a qualified student under certain circumstances is eligible for a rebate of a portion of the undergraduate tuition the student has paid.

SECTION 2. Provides that 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 date of this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September, 1, 2003.