

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current Texas law allows students who graduate from an accredited high school within 36 months to be eligible for a \$1000 Early High School Graduation Scholarship. C.S.S.B. 1366 amends the requirements to require a student to graduate early with a recommended or advanced diploma in order to be eligible for the early graduation scholarship. It also makes provisions for a student who does not satisfy the curriculum requirements due only to circumstances out of the student's control.

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 56.203, Education Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (b), as follows:

- (a) Provides that a person must have successfully completed the recommended or advanced high school program established under Section 28.025, rather than requirements for a public high school diploma, in a certain time frame in order to be eligible for the Early High School Graduation Scholarship program.
- (b) Provides that a person who does not satisfy the curriculum requirements of Subsection (a)(2) is considered to have satisfied those requirements if the high school from which the person graduated indicates on the person's transcript that the person was unable to complete the appropriate curriculum within the time prescribed by that subsection solely because necessary courses were unavailable to the person at the appropriate times in the person's high school career as a result of course scheduling, lack of enrollment capacity, or another cause not within the person's control.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 28.025, Education Code, by adding Subsections (g) and (g-1), as follows:

- (g) Requires the school district, if a student, other than a student permitted to take courses under the minimum high school program as provided by Subsection (b), is unable to complete the recommended or advanced high school program solely because necessary courses were unavailable to the student at the appropriate times in the student's high school career as a result of course scheduling, lack of enrollment capacity, or another cause not within the person's control, to indicate that fact on the student's transcript form described by Subsection (e).
- (g-1) Provides that Subsection (g) applies to students entering grade nine during or after the 2003-2004 school year. Provides that this subsection expires January 1, 2004.

SECTION 3. Provides that Section 56.203, Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to

a person who enters grade nine during or after the 2003-2004 school year. Provides that a person who enters grade nine before that time is governed by the law as it existed previously.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2003.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1. Differs from the original by adding Section 56.203(b), Education Code.

SECTION 2. Differs from the original by adding the content of SECTION 2.

SECTION 3. Redesignated from previously proposed SECTION 2.

SECTION 4. No change.