The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (Coordinating Board) proposes the repeal of Sections 22.81 - 22.86 concerning the Texas New Horizons Scholarship Program. Specifically, House Bill 713, 76th Texas Legislature, repealed Texas Education Code, Section 54.216, beginning with the 1999 fall semester. Section 54.216 authorized the Texas New Horizons Scholarship Program. The program was phased out and awards for the few remaining continuation students were funded from TEXAS Grant appropriations. Since this is no longer a functioning program, it is appropriate to delete the rules from those under the purview of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Mr. Dan Weaver, Assistant Commissioner for Business and Support Services, has determined that for each year of the first five years the repeal is in effect, there will be no fiscal implications to state or local government as a result of enforcing or administering the rules.

Mr. Weaver has also determined that each year of the first five years the repeal is in effect, the public benefit anticipated as a result of this change will be that there will be no confusion about whether or not this is a functioning program. There is no effect on small businesses. There are no anticipated economic costs to persons who are required to comply with the section as proposed. There is no impact on local employment.

Comments on the proposal may be submitted to Dan Weaver, P. O. Box 12788, Austin, Texas 78711, 512-427-6165, Dan.Weaver@thecb.state.tx.us. Comments will be accepted for 30 days following publication of the proposal in the *Texas Register*.

Sections 22.81 - 22.86 were originally proposed under Texas Education Code, Section 54.216, and Senate Bill 576, 75th Texas Legislature. As Section 54.216 has since been repealed, there is no longer any statutory basis for the rules concerning the Texas New Horizons Scholarship Program, and these rules should be properly repealed.

The repeal affects no current statute since Texas Education Code, Section 54.216, the section that authorized the Texas New Horizons Scholarship Program, was repealed in 1999 in House Bill 713, 76th Texas Legislature.

The Coordinating Board certifies that the proposed repeal has been reviewed by legal counsel and found to be within the agency's authority to adopt.

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