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H.B. No. 30

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to educational requirements for certain incarcerated students.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 19, Government Code is amended by adding Section 19.013 to read as follows:

Sec. 19.013 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN INCARCERATED STUDENTS. (a) The Windham School District shall provide a course of instruction that includes the required curriculum leading to a standard high school diploma for consideration to each incarcerated student who is younger than 18 years of age or younger than 22 years of age if receiving special education services. Referrals to the standard high school diploma program or the high school equivalency program will take into consideration time remaining on sentence, current educational functioning level and recommendations by the Admissions, Review and Dismissal Committee. The Texas Education Agency shall collaborate with the department in providing necessary materials for instruction.

(b) The department may enter into an agreement with the Windham School District for purposes of complying with this section.

(c) The board may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.