

Amend **CSHB 2** as follows:

(1) On page 83, strike lines 3 through 8 and substitute the following:

~~[(1)]~~ the student:

(1) successfully completes the curriculum requirements identified by the State Board of Education under Subsection (a) [and complies with Section 39.025(a)]; [or]

(2) meets the alternative graduation criteria prescribed by Section 28.0252; or

(3) [the student] successfully completes an individualized education program developed under Section 29.005.

(2) On page 83, line 10, between "39.025" and ".", insert "or the alternative graduation criteria under Section 28.0252".

(3) On page 83, line 15, after "39.025", insert "or the alternative graduation criteria under Section 28.0252".

(4) On page 84, between lines 6 and 7, add the following appropriately numbered section to Part D, Article 2, of the bill, and renumber the subsequent sections accordingly:

SECTION 2D.\_\_\_. Subchapter B, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.0252 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0252. ALTERNATIVE GRADUATION CRITERIA. (a) The commissioner by rule shall prescribe alternative graduation criteria that a student may meet to graduate and receive a diploma without complying with Section 28.025(c)(1). The alternative graduation criteria must compensate for unsatisfactory performance on an assessment instrument required under Section 28.0215. The alternative graduation criteria must include a student's:

(1) grade point average beginning in grade 9;

(2) current class ranking;

(3) performance on the assessment instruments required under Section 28.0215, including a consideration of whether extenuating circumstances may have adversely affected the student's performance; and

(4) overall academic performance beginning in grade 9, as evaluated by two or more of the student's teachers.

(b) A committee composed of the student's high school principal or the principal's designee and two certified teachers in the student's school district who teach at the high school level shall determine whether a student who has not complied with Section 28.025(c)(1) has met the alternative graduation criteria prescribed under Subsection (a). The commissioner shall adopt rules relating to the selection and operation of a committee under this subsection.

(c) A committee established under Subsection (b) shall determine whether a student who has not complied with Section 28.025(c)(1) has met the alternative graduation criteria prescribed under Subsection (a):

(1) following the administration to the student of the assessment instruments required under Section 28.0215;

(2) on written request of the student's parent or guardian, not more than one time in each school year following the school year in which assessment instruments required under Section 28.0215 are administered to the student; and

(3) when the principal of the student's high school, or the principal's designee, determines that the student is within one month of completing each requirement for a high school diploma other than compliance with Section 28.025(c)(1).

(d) Until the commissioner certifies that the implementation of amendments made by HB 2, Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, to Sections 39.023(a) and (c) and 39.051(b) is complete under the transition plan adopted under Section 39.0241, any reference in this section to an assessment instrument required under Section 28.0215 includes a secondary exit-level assessment instrument administered as provided by Section 39.0241(a). This subsection expires September 1, 2011.