

AN ACT

relating to allowing a student receiving special education services to participate in a graduation ceremony after the fourth year of high school.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.025, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) A school district shall issue a certificate of attendance to a student who receives special education services under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, and who has completed four years of high school but has not completed the student's individualized education program. A school district shall allow a student who receives a certificate to participate in a graduation ceremony with students receiving high school diplomas. A student may participate in only one graduation ceremony under this subsection. This subsection does not preclude a student from receiving a diploma under Subsection (c)(2).

SECTION 2. Subsection (f), Section 28.025, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with the 2006-2007 school year.

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

1 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 673 passed the Senate on March 14, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 673 passed the House on April 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor