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S.B. No. 673

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.