

1-1 By: Zaffirini, Van de Putte S.B. No. 673  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 15, 2007; February 28, 2007,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;  
1-4 March 7, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 7, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to allowing a student receiving special education services  
1-9 to participate in a graduation ceremony after the fourth year of  
1-10 high school.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 28.025, Education Code, is amended by  
1-13 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

1-14 (f) A school district shall issue a certificate of  
1-15 attendance to a student who receives special education services  
1-16 under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, and who has completed four years of  
1-17 high school but has not completed the student's individualized  
1-18 education program. A school district shall allow a student who  
1-19 receives a certificate to participate in a graduation ceremony with  
1-20 students receiving high school diplomas. A student may participate  
1-21 in only one graduation ceremony under this subsection. This  
1-22 subsection does not preclude a student from receiving a diploma  
1-23 under Subsection (c)(2).

1-24 SECTION 2. Subsection (f), Section 28.025, Education Code,  
1-25 as added by this Act, applies beginning with the 2006-2007 school  
1-26 year.

1-27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-28 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-29 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-30 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-31 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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