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H.B. No. 1154

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to participation in public high school graduation  
3 ceremonies by certain students with disabilities.

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

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

7 (d-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (d), a school district  
8 shall issue a certificate of coursework completion to a student to  
9 whom Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C.  
10 Section 794) applies and who successfully completes the curriculum  
11 requirements identified by the State Board of Education under  
12 Subsection (a) but who fails to comply with Section 39.025. The  
13 district shall allow the student to participate in a graduation  
14 ceremony with students receiving high school diplomas.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.