

Amend CSHB 5 (house committee report) by inserting the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. (a) Subchapter B, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.0256 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0256. TEXAS STATE SEAL OF BILINGUALISM AND BILITERACY. (a) In this section, "seal" means the Texas State Seal of Bilingualism and Biliteracy established under Subsection (b).

(b) The agency shall establish a seal to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in comprehending, speaking, reading, and writing in both English and a language other than English.

(c) A student earns the seal if the student:

(1) earns a distinguished level of achievement under the foundation high school program under Section 28.025(b-14);

(2) completes the curriculum requirements for English language arts under Section 28.025(b-1)(1) with a grade point average in those courses of at least 3.0 on a four-point scale;

(3) demonstrates proficiency in a language other than English by:

(A) earning a passing score on an advanced placement or international baccalaureate test for a language other than English; or

(B) completing four credits in the same language in a language other than English under Section 28.002(a)(2)(A) with a grade point average in those courses of at least 3.0 on a four-point scale; and

(4) if the student is enrolled in a school district that has implemented a dual language immersion program under Section 28.0051, completes at least six credits in the dual language immersion program after entering the sixth grade, including three credits that satisfy foundation curriculum requirements under Section 28.002(a)(1).

(d) The agency shall prepare and deliver to a participating school district an insignia that can be affixed or stamped on the diploma or transcript of a student who has satisfied requirements for earning the seal.

(e) The board of trustees of a school district may choose whether to offer the seal to students who satisfy the requirements for earning the seal.

(f) Each school district that offers the seal to an eligible student shall:

(1) maintain appropriate records to identify students who have earned the seal; and

(2) affix the seal's insignia to the diploma or transcript of each student who has satisfied requirements for earning the seal.

(b) This section applies beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.