

Amend CSHB 5 (senate committee report) by adding 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) The agency shall:

(1) determine minimum requirements for earning the seal; and

(2) 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.

(d) 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 as determined by the agency.

(e) 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.