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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 5 (house committee report) by inserting
2 the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (4) if the student is enrolled in a school district
29 that has implemented a dual language immersion program under

1 Section 28.0051, completes at least six credits in the dual
2 language immersion program after entering the sixth grade,
3 including three credits that satisfy foundation curriculum
4 requirements under Section 28.002(a)(1).

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

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

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

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

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

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