

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 681
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 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
 1-4 May 2, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 2, 2013,
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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Patrick	X		
1-10	Lucio	X		
1-11	Campbell	X		
1-12	Duncan	X		
1-13	Paxton	X		
1-14	Seliger	X		
1-15	Taylor	X		
1-16	Van de Putte	X		
1-17	West	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 681 By: West

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a pilot program for a three-year high school diploma
 1-22 plan and cost-neutral expansion of full-day prekindergarten
 1-23 programs.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
 1-26 amended by adding Section 28.0255 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 28.0255. PILOT PROGRAM: THREE-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL
 1-28 DIPLOMA PLAN. (a) In this section, "certificate program," "public
 1-29 junior college," "public state college," and "public technical
 1-30 institute" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

1-31 (b) This section applies only to a school district:

1-32 (1) with an enrollment of more than 150,000 students
 1-33 that is located primarily in a county that:

1-34 (A) has a population of 2.2 million or more; and

1-35 (B) is adjacent to a county with a population of
 1-36 more than 600,000; or

1-37 (2) located in a county that borders the United
 1-38 Mexican States and the Gulf of Mexico.

1-39 (c) A school district to which this section applies may
 1-40 develop and implement a pilot program for students who wish to
 1-41 obtain a high school diploma after completion of three years of
 1-42 secondary school attendance as an alternative to the traditional
 1-43 four-year period of attendance. The program must:

1-44 (1) be designed to serve the educational needs of
 1-45 students who do not anticipate immediate enrollment in a four-year
 1-46 college or university after graduation from high school; and

1-47 (2) include partnerships between the school district
 1-48 and public junior colleges, public technical institutes, public
 1-49 state colleges, and any other public postsecondary institutions in
 1-50 this state offering academic or technical education or vocational
 1-51 training under a certificate program or an associate degree program
 1-52 to facilitate the prompt enrollment of students in those
 1-53 institutions after high school graduation under the program.

1-54 (d) Participation by a student in the program must be
 1-55 voluntary, with approval of the student's parent. A student who
 1-56 agrees to participate in the program may, on request, discontinue
 1-57 participation and resume taking courses under a high school program
 1-58 based on a traditional four-year period of attendance.

1-59 (e) Notwithstanding Section 28.025, the school district
 1-60 shall specify the curriculum requirements for receiving a high

2-1 school diploma under the program. The curriculum requirements must
2-2 ensure that a student who graduates under the program possesses
2-3 sufficient knowledge and skills in English language arts and
2-4 mathematics to be capable of performing successfully in public
2-5 junior college-level courses.

2-6 (f) The school district shall submit the proposed
2-7 curriculum requirements to the State Board of Education for comment
2-8 and the commissioner for approval. The district may not implement
2-9 the program before obtaining the commissioner's approval of the
2-10 proposed curriculum requirements.

2-11 (g) A student is entitled to a high school diploma if the
2-12 student:

2-13 (1) successfully complies with the curriculum
2-14 requirements specified under Subsection (e); and

2-15 (2) performs satisfactorily, as determined by the
2-16 commissioner under Subsection (h), on end-of-course assessment
2-17 instruments listed under Section 39.023(c) for courses in which the
2-18 student was enrolled.

2-19 (h) For purposes of Subsection (g)(2), the commissioner
2-20 shall determine the level of satisfactory performance on applicable
2-21 end-of-course assessment instruments administered to a student.

2-22 (i) The school district shall report the academic
2-23 achievement record of students who have completed the program on a
2-24 transcript that clearly identifies the program and distinguishes
2-25 the program from the other high school programs based on a
2-26 traditional four-year period of attendance.

2-27 (j) A student who has received a diploma under the program
2-28 is exempt from the compulsory school attendance requirements under
2-29 Section 25.085.

2-30 (k) To the extent this section conflicts with any other
2-31 provision of this code or rule adopted under this code, this section
2-32 prevails.

2-33 (l) This section expires September 1, 2023.

2-34 SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 42, Education Code, is
2-35 amended by adding Section 42.2526 to read as follows:

2-36 Sec. 42.2526. ADJUSTMENT FOR DISTRICT OPERATING PILOT
2-37 PROGRAM. (a) This section applies only to a school district
2-38 operating a pilot program authorized by Section 28.0255.

2-39 (b) Beginning with the first school year that follows the
2-40 first school year in which students receive high school diplomas
2-41 under the pilot program authorized by Section 28.0255 and
2-42 continuing for every subsequent school year that the district
2-43 operates the pilot program, the commissioner shall provide funding
2-44 for the district's prekindergarten program under Section 29.153 on
2-45 a full-day basis for a number of prekindergarten students equal to
2-46 twice the number of students who received a high school diploma
2-47 under the pilot program authorized by Section 28.0255 during the
2-48 preceding school year.

2-49 (c) This section expires September 1, 2023.

2-50 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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