By: White of Tyler   H.B. No. 618

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to eligibility for course credit and high school diplomas

3 of students enrolled in educational programs provided by the

4 Windham School District in the Texas Department of Criminal

5 Justice.

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

7   SECTION 1.   Chapter 19, Education Code, is amended by adding

8 Section 19.0043 to read as follows:

9   Sec. 19.0043. CREDIT   FOR   COMPLETION   OF   EDUCATIONAL

10 PROGRAMS; HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATE. (a) A school

11 district shall grant credit to a student toward the academic,

12 career and technology, or other course requirements for high school

13 graduation for courses the student successfully completes in the

14 Windham School District educational programs, provided that the

15 completed   courses   meet   the   standards   adopted   under   Section

16 28.002(c).

17   (b) A student may graduate and receive a diploma from a

18 Windham School District educational program if:

19   (1) the student successfully completes the curriculum

20 requirements identified by the State Board of Education under

21 Section 28.025(a) and complies with Section 39.025; or

22   (2) the student successfully completes the curriculum

23 requirements   under   Section   28.025(a)   as   modified   by   an

24 individualized education program developed under Section 29.005.

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1   (c) A Windham School District educational program may issue

2 a certificate of coursework completion to a student who

3 successfully completes the curriculum requirements identified by

4 the State Board of Education under Section 28.025(a) but who fails

5 to comply with Section 39.025.

6   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

10 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.