

AN ACT

relating to a pilot program under the foundation school program for funding prekindergarten programs provided by certain school districts with early high school graduation programs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 42, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 42.2527 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.2527. ADJUSTMENT FOR CERTAIN DISTRICTS WITH EARLY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PROGRAMS. (a) As a pilot program to enable the state to evaluate the benefit of providing additional funding at the prekindergarten level for low-income students, the commissioner shall provide prekindergarten funding in accordance with this section to a school district located in a county that borders the United Mexican States and the Gulf of Mexico.

(b) The commissioner shall provide funding for a school district's prekindergarten program on a half-day basis for a number of low-income prekindergarten students equal to twice the number of students who received, as a result of participation in an early high school graduation program operated by the district, a high school diploma from the district during the preceding school year after three years of secondary school attendance.

(c) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

(d) This section expires September 1, 2023.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 731 was passed by the House on May 15, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 119, Nays 20, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 731 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 7.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor