By:  Guillen, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Powell) H.B. No. 678

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 3, 2019; April 4, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 14, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 14, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Taylor            X

Lucio                X

Bettencourt          X

Campbell             X

Fallon               X

Hall                 X

Hughes               X

Paxton               X

Powell               X

Watson               X

West                 X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the public high school graduation credit requirements for a language other than English.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 28.025(b-21), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b-21)  In adopting rules under Subsection (b-1), the State Board of Education shall adopt criteria to allow a student to comply with the curriculum requirement for one credit under Subsection (b-1)(5) by successfully completing at an elementary school either a dual language immersion program under Section 28.0051 or a course in American Sign Language [~~at an elementary school~~].

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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