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By:  Stucky H.B. No. 1891

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an exemption from the assessment requirements of the Texas Success Initiative for students who achieve certain scores on certain high school equivalency examinations.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 51.338, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h)  A student who has achieved a score set by the board in a content area subject to the standards prescribed by the board under Section 51.334(b) on a high school equivalency examination administered under Section 7.111 is exempt from the requirements of this subchapter with respect to that content area. A student may receive an exemption under this subsection for English language arts only if the high school equivalency examination administered to the student assesses reading and writing in a single assessment instrument. The commissioner of higher education by rule shall establish the period for which an exemption under this subsection is valid.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies beginning with the assessment of entering undergraduate students at public institutions of higher education for the 2019 fall semester. The assessment of an entering undergraduate student for an academic term before that semester is governed by the law in effect before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  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.