S.B. No. 213

AN ACT

relating to the use of individual graduation committees and other alternative methods to satisfy certain public high school graduation requirements.

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

SECTION 1.  Sections 12.104(b-2) and (b-3), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b-2)  An open-enrollment charter school is subject to the requirement to establish an individual graduation committee under Section 28.0258. This subsection expires September 1, 2023 [~~2019~~].

(b-3)  An open-enrollment charter school is subject to the graduation qualification procedure established by the commissioner under Section 28.02541. This subsection expires September 1, 2023 [~~2019~~].

SECTION 2.  Section 28.025(c-6), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c-6)  Notwithstanding Subsection (c), a person may receive a diploma if the person is eligible for a diploma under Section 28.0258. This subsection expires September 1, 2023 [~~2019~~].

SECTION 3.  Effective September 1, 2019, Section 28.02541(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  This section applies only to a student who:

(1)  entered the ninth grade before the 2011-2012 school year;

(2)  successfully completed the curriculum requirements for high school graduation applicable to the student when the student entered the ninth grade;

(3)  has not performed satisfactorily on an assessment instrument or a part of an assessment instrument required for high school graduation, including an alternate assessment instrument offered under Section 39.025(c-2) [~~39.025(c-1)~~]; and

(4)  has been administered the assessment instrument or the part of the assessment instrument for which the student has not performed satisfactorily at least three times.

SECTION 4.  Section 28.02541(g), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g)  This section expires September 1, 2023 [~~2019~~].

SECTION 5.  Section 28.0258(l), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(l)  This section expires September 1, 2023 [~~2019~~].

SECTION 6.  Section 28.0259(e), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e)  This section expires September 1, 2023 [~~2019~~].

SECTION 7.  Section 28.02591(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in coordination with the agency, shall collect longitudinal data relating to the post-graduation pursuits of each student who is awarded a diploma based on the determination of an individual graduation committee under Section 28.0258, as that section existed before September 1, 2023 [~~2019~~], including whether the student:

(1)  enters the workforce;

(2)  enrolls in an associate degree or certificate program at a public or private institution of higher education;

(3)  enrolls in a bachelor's degree program at a public or private institution of higher education; or

(4)  enlists in the armed forces of the United States or the Texas National Guard.

SECTION 8.  Subsection (a-2), Section 39.025, Education Code, as added by Chapter 5 (S.B. 149), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is redesignated as Subsection (a-5), Section 39.025, Education Code, and amended to read as follows:

(a-5) [~~(a-2)~~]  Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a student who has failed to perform satisfactorily on end-of-course assessment instruments in the manner provided under this section may receive a high school diploma if the student has qualified for graduation under Section 28.0258. This subsection expires September 1, 2023 [~~2019~~].

SECTION 9.  Section 39.025(a-3), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a-3)  A student who, after retaking an end-of-course assessment instrument for Algebra I or English II, has failed to perform satisfactorily as required by Subsection (a), but who receives a score of proficient on the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) diagnostic assessment for the corresponding subject for which the student failed to perform satisfactorily on the end-of-course assessment instrument satisfies the requirement concerning the Algebra I or English II end-of-course assessment, as applicable. This subsection expires September 1, 2023 [~~2019~~].

SECTION 10.  Except as otherwise provided by this Act, 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 on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.

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I hereby certify that S.B. No. 213 passed the Senate on April 11, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 30, Nays 1.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_    Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 213 passed the House on April 25, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 145, Nays 0, three present not voting.

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Approved:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_             Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_           Governor