

1-1 By: Bernal (Senate Sponsor - Powell) H.B. No. 165
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 27, 2019;
 1-3 April 1, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Education; May 14, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 14, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell			X	
1-11 Fallon	X			
1-12 Hall	X			
1-13 Hughes	X			
1-14 Paxton	X			
1-15 Powell	X			
1-16 Watson	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to providing for endorsements for public high school
 1-22 students enrolled in special education programs.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 28.025, Education Code, is amended by
 1-25 adding Subsections (c-7) and (c-8) to read as follows:

1-26 (c-7) Subject to Subsection (c-8), a student who is enrolled
 1-27 in a special education program under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, may
 1-28 earn an endorsement on the student's transcript by:

1-29 (1) successfully completing, with or without
 1-30 modification of the curriculum:

1-31 (A) the curriculum requirements identified by
 1-32 the State Board of Education under Subsection (a); and

1-33 (B) the additional endorsement curriculum
 1-34 requirements prescribed by the State Board of Education under
 1-35 Subsection (c-2); and

1-36 (2) successfully completing all curriculum
 1-37 requirements for that endorsement adopted by the State Board of
 1-38 Education:

1-39 (A) without modification of the curriculum; or

1-40 (B) with modification of the curriculum,
 1-41 provided that the curriculum, as modified, is sufficiently rigorous
 1-42 as determined by the student's admission, review, and dismissal
 1-43 committee.

1-44 (c-8) For purposes of Subsection (c-7), the admission,
 1-45 review, and dismissal committee of a student in a special education
 1-46 program under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, shall determine whether the
 1-47 student is required to achieve satisfactory performance on an
 1-48 end-of-course assessment instrument to earn an endorsement on the
 1-49 student's transcript.

1-50 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020
 1-51 school year.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-53 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-54 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-55 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-56 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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