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H.B. No. 1891

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to an exemption from the assessment requirements of the  
3 Texas Success Initiative for students who achieve certain scores on  
4 certain high school equivalency examinations.

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

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

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

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

1 for that purpose.

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