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1-11	Buckingham	X			
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1-13	Menéndez	X			
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1-15	Taylor	X			
1-16	Watson	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-18 AN ACT

> relating to an exemption from the assessment requirements of the Texas Success Initiative for students who achieve a certain score on a high school equivalency examination.

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 on a high school equivalency examination administered under Section 7.111 is exempt from the requirements of this subchapter. 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 2020 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 September 1, 2019.

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