

By: González of El Paso

H.B. No. 186

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to extending the eligibility of certain students to participate in a school district's special education program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.003, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c) and (c-1) to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), a student is eligible to participate in a school district's special education program under this subchapter for one school year after the student's 21st birthday if the student:

(1) is enrolled in a school district's special education program during the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, or 2022-2023 school year and reaches 21 years of age during that school year; and

(2) has an impairment or disability described by Subsection (b)(1) or (2).

(c-1) Subsection (c) and this subsection expire September 1, 2024.

SECTION 2. 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.