By:  Bernal, Patterson H.B. No. 999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of individual graduation committees for certain high school students.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 28.0258, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (h-1) to read as follows:

(a-1)  Notwithstanding Subsection (a), this section applies to any student in grade 12 during the 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 school year regardless of whether the student meets the criteria described by Subsection (a). This subsection expires September 1, 2022.

(h-1)  Notwithstanding Subsection (h), in determining whether a student described by Subsection (a-1) is qualified to graduate, an individual graduation committee is not required to consider criteria under Subsection (h) relating to the student's performance on an end-of-course assessment instrument administered under Section 39.023. This subsection expires September 1, 2022.

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 September 1, 2021.