H.B. No. 1147

AN ACT

relating to military readiness for purposes of the indicators of achievement under the public school accountability system and the college, career, or military readiness outcomes bonus under the Foundation School Program.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 39.053(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  School districts and campuses must be evaluated based on three domains of indicators of achievement adopted under this section that include:

(1)  in the student achievement domain, indicators of student achievement that must include:

(A)  for evaluating the performance of districts and campuses generally:

(i)  an indicator that accounts for the results of assessment instruments required under Sections 39.023(a), (c), and (l), as applicable for the district and campus, including the results of assessment instruments required for graduation retaken by a student, aggregated across grade levels by subject area, including:

(a)  for the performance standard determined by the commissioner under Section 39.0241(a), the percentage of students who performed satisfactorily on the assessment instruments, aggregated across grade levels by subject area; and

(b)  for the college readiness performance standard as determined under Section 39.0241, the percentage of students who performed satisfactorily on the assessment instruments, aggregated across grade levels by subject area; and

(ii)  an indicator that accounts for the results of assessment instruments required under Section 39.023(b), as applicable for the district and campus, including the percentage of students who performed satisfactorily on the assessment instruments, as determined by the performance standard adopted by the agency, aggregated across grade levels by subject area; and

(B)  for evaluating the performance of high school campuses and districts that include high school campuses, indicators that account for:

(i)  students who satisfy the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) college readiness benchmarks prescribed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under Section 51.334 on an assessment instrument in reading or mathematics designated by the coordinating board under that section;

(ii)  students who satisfy relevant performance standards on advanced placement tests or similar assessments;

(iii)  students who earn dual course credits in the dual credit courses;

(iv)  students who enlist in the armed forces of the United States or the Texas National Guard;

(v)  students who earn industry certifications;

(vi)  students admitted into postsecondary industry certification programs that require as a prerequisite for entrance successful performance at the secondary level;

(vii)  students whose successful completion of a course or courses under Section 28.014 indicates the student's preparation to enroll and succeed, without remediation, in an entry-level general education course for a baccalaureate degree or associate degree;

(viii)  students who successfully met standards on a composite of indicators that through research indicates the student's preparation to enroll and succeed, without remediation, in an entry-level general education course for a baccalaureate degree or associate degree;

(ix)  high school graduation rates, computed in accordance with standards and definitions adopted in compliance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (20 U.S.C. Section 6301 et seq.) subject to the exclusions provided by Subsections (g), (g-1), (g-2), and (g-3);

(x)  students who successfully completed an OnRamps dual enrollment course;

(xi)  students who successfully completed a practicum or internship approved by the State Board of Education; and

(xii)  students who are awarded an associate degree;

(2)  in the school progress domain, indicators for effectiveness in promoting student learning, which must include:

(A)  for assessment instruments, including assessment instruments under Subdivisions (1)(A)(i) and (ii), the percentage of students who met the standard for improvement, as determined by the commissioner; and

(B)  for evaluating relative performance, the performance of districts and campuses compared to similar districts or campuses; and

(3)  in the closing the gaps domain, the use of disaggregated data to demonstrate the differentials among students from different racial and ethnic groups, socioeconomic backgrounds, and other factors, including:

(A)  students formerly receiving special education services;

(B)  students continuously enrolled; and

(C)  students who are mobile.

SECTION 2.  Section 48.110(f), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f)  For purposes of this section, an annual graduate demonstrates:

(1)  college readiness if the annual graduate:

(A)  achieves college readiness standards used for accountability purposes under Chapter 39 on the ACT, the SAT, or an assessment instrument designated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under Section 51.334; and

(B)  during a time period established by commissioner rule, enrolls at a postsecondary educational institution;

(2)  career readiness if the annual graduate:

(A)  achieves college readiness standards used for accountability purposes under Chapter 39 on the ACT, the SAT, or an assessment instrument designated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under Section 51.334; and

(B)  during a time period established by commissioner rule, earns an industry-accepted certificate; and

(3)  military readiness if the annual graduate:

(A)  achieves a passing score set by the applicable military branch on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery; and

(B)  during a time period established by commissioner rule, enlists in the armed forces of the United States or the Texas National Guard.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1147 was passed by the House on April 9, 2021, by the following vote:  Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1147 on May 18, 2021, by the following vote:  Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1147 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 13, 2021, by the following vote:  Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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