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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of individual graduation committees and other alternative methods to satisfy certain public high school graduation requirements.

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

SECTION 1.  Sections 12.104(b-2) and (b-3), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b-2)  An open-enrollment charter school is subject to the requirement to establish an individual graduation committee under Section 28.0258. [~~This subsection expires September 1, 2023.~~]

(b-3)  An open-enrollment charter school is subject to the graduation qualification procedure established by the commissioner under Section 28.02541. [~~This subsection expires September 1, 2023.~~]

SECTION 2.  Section 28.025(c-6), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c-6)  Notwithstanding Subsection (c), a person may receive a diploma if the person is eligible for a diploma under Section 28.0258. [~~This subsection expires September 1, 2023.~~]

SECTION 3.  Section 28.02591(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in coordination with the agency, shall collect longitudinal data relating to the post-graduation pursuits of each student who is awarded a diploma based on the determination of an individual graduation committee under Section 28.0258, [~~as that section existed before September 1, 2023,~~] including whether the student:

(1)  enters the workforce;

(2)  enrolls in an associate degree or certificate program at a public or private institution of higher education;

(3)  enrolls in a bachelor's degree program at a public or private institution of higher education; or

(4)  enlists in the armed forces of the United States or the Texas National Guard.

SECTION 4.  Sections 39.025(a-3) and (a-5), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a-3)  A student who, after retaking an end-of-course assessment instrument for Algebra I or English II, has failed to perform satisfactorily as required by Subsection (a), but who receives a score of proficient on the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) diagnostic assessment for the corresponding subject for which the student failed to perform satisfactorily on the end-of-course assessment instrument satisfies the requirement concerning the Algebra I or English II end-of-course assessment, as applicable. [~~This subsection expires September 1, 2023.~~]

(a-5)  Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a student who has failed to perform satisfactorily on end-of-course assessment instruments in the manner provided under this section may receive a high school diploma if the student has qualified for graduation under Section 28.0258. [~~This subsection expires September 1, 2023.~~]

SECTION 5.  Sections 28.02541(g), 28.0258(l), and 28.0259(e), Education Code, are repealed.

SECTION 6.  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.