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H.B. No. 1603

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the use of individual graduation committees and other  
3 alternative methods to satisfy certain public high school  
4 graduation requirements.

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

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

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

11 (b-3) An open-enrollment charter school is subject to the  
12 graduation qualification procedure established by the commissioner  
13 under Section 28.02541. [~~This subsection expires September 1,  
14 2023.~~]

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

17 (c-6) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), a person may receive  
18 a diploma if the person is eligible for a diploma under Section  
19 28.0258. [~~This subsection expires September 1, 2023.~~]

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

22 (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in  
23 coordination with the agency, shall collect longitudinal data  
24 relating to the post-graduation pursuits of each student who is

1 awarded a diploma based on the determination of an individual  
2 graduation committee under Section 28.0258, [~~as that section~~  
3 ~~existed before September 1, 2023,~~] including whether the student:

4 (1) enters the workforce;

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 SECTION 5. Sections 28.02541(g), 28.0258(1), and

1 28.0259(e), Education Code, are repealed.

2 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.