

1-1 By: Huberty, Spiller H.B. No. 1603
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Seliger, et al.)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 13, 2021;
 1-4 April 13, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-5 Education; May 10, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 10, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Taylor	X			
1-9 Lucio	X			
1-10 Bettencourt	X			
1-11 Hall	X			
1-12 Hughes	X			
1-13 Menéndez	X			
1-14 Paxton	X			
1-15 Perry	X			
1-16 Powell	X			
1-17 Schwertner	X			
1-18 West	X			

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the use of individual graduation committees and other
 1-23 alternative methods to satisfy certain public high school
 1-24 graduation requirements.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Sections 12.104(b-2) and (b-3), Education Code,
 1-27 are amended to read as follows:

1-28 (b-2) An open-enrollment charter school is subject to the
 1-29 requirement to establish an individual graduation committee under
 1-30 Section 28.0258. [~~This subsection expires September 1, 2023.~~]

1-31 (b-3) An open-enrollment charter school is subject to the
 1-32 graduation qualification procedure established by the commissioner
 1-33 under Section 28.02541. [~~This subsection expires September 1,
 1-34 2023.~~]

1-35 SECTION 2. Section 28.025(c-6), Education Code, is amended
 1-36 to read as follows:

1-37 (c-6) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), a person may receive
 1-38 a diploma if the person is eligible for a diploma under Section
 1-39 28.0258. [~~This subsection expires September 1, 2023.~~]

1-40 SECTION 3. Section 28.02591(a), Education Code, is amended
 1-41 to read as follows:

1-42 (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in
 1-43 coordination with the agency, shall collect longitudinal data
 1-44 relating to the post-graduation pursuits of each student who is
 1-45 awarded a diploma based on the determination of an individual
 1-46 graduation committee under Section 28.0258, [~~as that section
 1-47 existed before September 1, 2023,~~] including whether the student:

- 1-48 (1) enters the workforce;
- 1-49 (2) enrolls in an associate degree or certificate
 1-50 program at a public or private institution of higher education;
- 1-51 (3) enrolls in a bachelor's degree program at a public
 1-52 or private institution of higher education; or
- 1-53 (4) enlists in the armed forces of the United States or
 1-54 the Texas National Guard.

1-55 SECTION 4. Sections 39.025(a-3) and (a-5), Education Code,
 1-56 are amended to read as follows:

1-57 (a-3) A student who, after retaking an end-of-course
 1-58 assessment instrument for Algebra I or English II, has failed to
 1-59 perform satisfactorily as required by Subsection (a), but who
 1-60 receives a score of proficient on the Texas Success Initiative
 1-61 (TSI) diagnostic assessment for the corresponding subject for which

2-1 the student failed to perform satisfactorily on the end-of-course
2-2 assessment instrument satisfies the requirement concerning the
2-3 Algebra I or English II end-of-course assessment, as applicable.

2-4 [~~This subsection expires September 1, 2023.~~]

2-5 (a-5) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a student who has
2-6 failed to perform satisfactorily on end-of-course assessment
2-7 instruments in the manner provided under this section may receive a
2-8 high school diploma if the student has qualified for graduation
2-9 under Section 28.0258. [~~This subsection expires September 1, 2023.~~]

2-10 SECTION 5. Sections 28.02541(g), 28.0258(1), and
2-11 28.0259(e), Education Code, are repealed.

2-12 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-16 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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