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H.B. No. 4434

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Texas First Early High School Completion Program  
and the Texas First Scholarship Program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.0253(a)(2), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Eligible institution" means an institution of higher education ~~[that is designated as a research university or emerging research university under the coordinating board's accountability system]~~.

SECTION 2. Section 28.0253(e), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) A school district or open-enrollment charter school shall allow a student to graduate and receive ~~[may issue]~~ a high school diploma ~~[to a student]~~ under the program if, using the standards established under Subsection (c), the student demonstrates mastery of and early readiness for college in each of the subject areas described by that subsection and in a language other than English, notwithstanding any other local or state requirements.

SECTION 3. Section 56.221(2), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Eligible institution" means an institution of higher education, as that term is defined by Section 61.003 ~~[, that~~

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1 ~~is designated as a research university or emerging research~~  
2 ~~university under the coordinating board's accountability system].~~

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.