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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the establishment of certain programs to facilitate
3 early high school graduation and enrollment at public institutions
4 of higher education and to the repeal of the Early High School
5 Graduation Scholarship program.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 28.0253, Education Code, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 28.0253. TEXAS FIRST EARLY HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION
10 [PILOT] PROGRAM[: HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS FOR STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATE
11 EARLY READINESS FOR COLLEGE].

12 (a) In this section:

13 (1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher
14 Education Coordinating Board.

15 (2) "Eligible institution" means an institution of
16 higher education as defined in Education Code § 61.003(8) ~~that is~~
17 ~~designated as a research university or emerging research university~~
18 ~~under the coordinating board's accountability system.~~

19 [(b)-(d) no changes]

20 (e) A school district or open-enrollment charter school ~~may~~
21 ~~issue~~ shall permit a student to graduate with a Texas First high
22 ~~school diploma to a student under the program~~ if, using the
23 standards established under Subsection (c), the student
24 demonstrates mastery of and early readiness for college in each of

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1 the subject areas described by that subsection and in a language
2 other than English, notwithstanding any other local or state
3 requirements.