

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~~

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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2294 passed the Senate on April 24, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2294 passed the House on May 12, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 2, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor