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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  
11 DEMONSTRATE EARLY READINESS FOR COLLEGE].

12 (a) In this section:

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

15 (2) "Eligible institution" means an institution of higher  
16 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.