

1-1 By: Bolton (Senate Sponsor - Shapleigh) H.B. No. 1563
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2007;
1-3 May 10, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; May 16, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0;
1-6 May 16, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1563 By: Van de Putte

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the issuance of posthumous high school diplomas to
1-11 certain students.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
1-14 amended by adding Section 28.0254 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 28.0254. POSTHUMOUS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FOR CERTAIN
1-16 STUDENTS. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code,
1-17 but subject to Subsection (b), on request of the student's parent, a
1-18 school district shall issue a high school diploma posthumously to
1-19 each student who died while enrolled in the district at grade level
1-20 12, provided that the student was academically on track at the time
1-21 of death to receive a diploma at the end of the school year in which
1-22 the student died. For purposes of this subsection, "school year"
1-23 includes any summer session following the spring semester.

1-24 (b) A school district is not required to issue a high school
1-25 diploma to a student described by Subsection (a) if the student at
1-26 any time before the student's death was convicted of a felony
1-27 offense under Title 5 or 6, Penal Code, or adjudicated as having
1-28 engaged in conduct constituting a felony offense under Title 5 or 6,
1-29 Penal Code.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 28.0254, Education Code, as added by
1-31 this Act, applies beginning with students enrolled at grade level
1-32 12 during the 2005-2006 school year.

1-33 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-34 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-35 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-36 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-37 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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