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S.B. No. 697

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of high school diplomas to certain crime victims.

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

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

Sec. 28.0254. HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FOR CERTAIN CRIME VICTIMS. (a) This section applies only to a school district with an enrollment at the beginning of the school year of more than 80,000 students.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, on request of the student's parent, a school district shall issue a high school diploma posthumously to each student who:

(1) attended high school in the district during the 2005-2006 school year at grade level 12; and

(2) was the victim of criminal homicide during that school year.

(c) This section expires September 1, 2008.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.