

1-1 By: Shapleigh S.B. No. 960  
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1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;  
1-4 March 14, 2007, rereferred to Subcommittee on Base Realignment and  
1-5 Closure; April 12, 2007, reported favorably from Committee on  
1-6 Veteran Affairs and Military Installations by the following vote:  
1-7 Yeas 4, Nays 0; April 12, 2007, sent to printer.)

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

1-10 relating to the administration of exit-level state assessment  
1-11 instruments to transfer students who are dependents of military  
1-12 personnel.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 39.025, Education Code, is amended by  
1-15 adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

1-16 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,  
1-17 the commissioner shall allow a student who is the dependent of a  
1-18 person serving in the military to satisfy the requirements of  
1-19 Subsection (a) and qualify for a high school diploma through  
1-20 satisfactory performance on one or more alternative nationally  
1-21 recognized norm-referenced assessment instruments if the student,  
1-22 as a result of a military transfer or deployment of the person  
1-23 serving in the military, transfers into the public school system of  
1-24 this state after completion of the student's sophomore year in high  
1-25 school.

1-26 (g) For purposes of Subsection (f), the commissioner, in  
1-27 order to ensure that a student described by that subsection may  
1-28 satisfy the requirements of Subsection (a) solely through  
1-29 performance on one or more alternative assessment instruments,  
1-30 shall establish required performance levels for the alternative  
1-31 assessment instrument or instruments that correspond to the  
1-32 performance levels otherwise required under Subsection (a) on the  
1-33 secondary exit-level assessment instruments for English language  
1-34 arts, mathematics, social studies, and science.

1-35 SECTION 2. Section 39.025, Education Code, as amended by  
1-36 this Act, applies beginning with students enrolled in public high  
1-37 schools in this state as juniors or seniors during the 2006-2007  
1-38 school year.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-40 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-41 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-42 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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