

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Bolton

H.B. No. 1563

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the issuance of high school diplomas to certain crime
3 victims.

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

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

7 Sec. 28.0254. HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FOR CERTAIN CRIME
8 VICTIMS. (a) This section applies only to a school district with
9 an enrollment at the beginning of the school year of more than
10 80,000 students.

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

14 (1) attended high school in the district during the
15 2005-2006 school year at grade level 12; and

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

18 (c) This section expires September 1, 2008.

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

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Secretary of the Senate

By: *JK*

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Substitute the following for H1.B. No. 1563:

By: *Kathleen Underette*

C.S. H.B. No. 1563

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5 amended by adding Section 28.0254 to read as follows:

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

16 (b) A school district is not required to issue a high
17 school diploma to a student described by Subsection (a) if the
18 student at any time before the student's death was convicted of
19 a felony offense under Title 5 or 6, Penal Code, or adjudicated
20 as having engaged in conduct constituting a felony offense under
21 Title 5 or 6, Penal Code.

22 SECTION 2. Section 28.0254, Education Code, as added by

23 x2

1 this Act, applies beginning with students enrolled at grade
2 level 12 during the 2005-2006 school year.

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

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 15, 2007

TO: Honorable Florence Shapiro, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1563** by Bolton (relating to the issuance of posthumous high school diplomas to certain students), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Upon the request of the parent, school districts would be required to posthumously issue a high school diploma to a student who died while enrolled in the 12th grade and was on track to receive a high school diploma and the end of the school year. A school district would not be required to issue a diploma to a student if the student had been convicted at any time prior to death of a felony offense under Titles 5 or 6, Penal Code. The bill's provisions would apply beginning with students who were enrolled in grade 12 during the 2005-2006 school year.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2007, or immediately upon enactment by the necessary voting majorities.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: JOB, JSp

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 11, 2007

TO: Honorable Florence Shapiro, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1563 by Bolton (Relating to the issuance of high school diplomas to certain crime victims.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Upon the request of the parent, certain school districts would be required to posthumously award a high school diploma to a student who was the victim of a criminal homicide during the 2005-2006 school year and was in the 12th grade during that year. The bill's provisions would apply only to a school district that had student enrollment of 80,000 or more at the beginning of the school year.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2007, or immediately upon enactment by the necessary voting majorities. The provisions would expire on September 1, 2008.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 13, 2007

TO: Honorable Rob Eissler, Chair, House Committee on Public Education

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1563 by Bolton (Relating to the issuance of high school diplomas to certain crime victims.), **As Introduced**

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