

House Bill 1563
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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.

No equivalent provision.

SENATE VERSION

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

Sec. 28.0254. POSTHUMOUS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, but subject to Subsection (b), on request of the student's parent, a school district shall issue a high school diploma posthumously to each student who died while enrolled in the district at grade level 12, provided that the student was academically on track at the time of death to receive a diploma at the end of the school year in which the student died. For purposes of this subsection, "school year" includes any summer session following the spring semester.

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

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

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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.

SECTION 3. Same as House version.