

1-1 By: Lucio III (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.B. No. 731  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 18, 2015;  
 1-3 May 18, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Education; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 2; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell		X		
1-11 Garcia	X			
1-12 Huffines		X		
1-13 Kolkhorst			X	
1-14 Rodríguez	X			
1-15 Seliger	X			
1-16 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a pilot program under the foundation school program for  
 1-22 funding prekindergarten programs provided by certain school  
 1-23 districts with early high school graduation programs.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 42, Education Code, is  
 1-26 amended by adding Section 42.2527 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 42.2527. ADJUSTMENT FOR CERTAIN DISTRICTS WITH EARLY  
 1-28 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PROGRAMS. (a) As a pilot program to enable  
 1-29 the state to evaluate the benefit of providing additional funding  
 1-30 at the prekindergarten level for low-income students, the  
 1-31 commissioner shall provide prekindergarten funding in accordance  
 1-32 with this section to a school district located in a county that  
 1-33 borders the United Mexican States and the Gulf of Mexico.

1-34 (b) The commissioner shall provide funding for a school  
 1-35 district's prekindergarten program on a half-day basis for a number  
 1-36 of low-income prekindergarten students equal to twice the number of  
 1-37 students who received, as a result of participation in an early high  
 1-38 school graduation program operated by the district, a high school  
 1-39 diploma from the district during the preceding school year after  
 1-40 three years of secondary school attendance.

1-41 (c) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to implement  
 1-42 this section.

1-43 (d) This section expires September 1, 2023.

1-44 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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