

1-1 By: Menéndez S.B. No. 1776  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 24, 2015, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
1-4 April 15, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 15, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-13	X			
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the exemption from the assessment requirements of the  
1-18 Texas Success Initiative for students who successfully complete  
1-19 certain college preparatory courses.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 51.3062(q-2), Education Code, is amended  
1-22 to read as follows:

1-23 (q-2) A student who successfully completes a college  
1-24 preparatory course under Section 28.014 is exempt from the  
1-25 requirements of this section with respect to the content area of the  
1-26 course. The exemption is effective for the three-year period  
1-27 following the date the student graduates from high school. ~~[The~~  
1-28 ~~commissioner of higher education by rule shall establish the period~~  
1-29 ~~for which an exemption under this subsection is valid.]~~ The  
1-30 exemption applies only at the institution of higher education that  
1-31 partners with the school district in which the student is enrolled  
1-32 to provide the course, except that the commissioner by rule may  
1-33 determine the manner in which the exemption may be applied to  
1-34 institutions of higher education other than the partnering  
1-35 institution.

1-36 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies  
1-37 beginning with the assessment of entering undergraduate students at  
1-38 public institutions of higher education for the 2015 fall semester.  
1-39 The assessment of an entering undergraduate student for an academic  
1-40 term before that semester is covered by the law in effect before the  
1-41 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for  
1-42 that purpose.

1-43 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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