

1-1 By: Garcia, Huffines S.B. No. 727
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 3, 2017; February 21, 2017,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
 1-4 May 3, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,
 1-5 Nays 0; May 3, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to excluding certain students from the computation of
 1-22 dropout and completion rates for purposes of public school
 1-23 accountability.

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

1-25 SECTION 1. Sections 39.053(g-1) and (g-2), Education Code,
 1-26 are amended to read as follows:

1-27 (g-1) In computing dropout and completion rates under
 1-28 Subsections (c)(4)(A)(i) and (B)(ii)(a), the commissioner shall
 1-29 exclude:

1-30 (1) students who are ordered by a court to attend a
 1-31 high school equivalency certificate program but who have not yet
 1-32 earned a high school equivalency certificate;

1-33 (2) students who were previously reported to the state
 1-34 as dropouts, including a student who is reported as a dropout,
 1-35 reenrolls, and drops out again, regardless of the number of times of
 1-36 reenrollment and dropping out;

1-37 (3) students in attendance who are not in membership
 1-38 for purposes of average daily attendance;

1-39 (4) students whose initial enrollment in a school in
 1-40 the United States in grades 7 through 12 was as unschooled refugees
 1-41 or asylees as defined by Section 39.027(a-1);

1-42 (5) students who are detailed at a county
 1-43 pre-adjudication or post-adjudication juvenile detention facility
 1-44 and:

1-45 (A) in the district exclusively as a function of
 1-46 having been detained at the [a county detention] facility but are
 1-47 otherwise not students of the district in which the facility is
 1-48 located; or

1-49 (B) provided services by an open-enrollment
 1-50 charter school exclusively as the result of having been detained at
 1-51 the facility; and

1-52 (6) students who are incarcerated in state jails and
 1-53 federal penitentiaries as adults and as persons certified to stand
 1-54 trial as adults.

1-55 (g-2) In computing completion rates under Subsection
 1-56 (c)(4)(A)(i) [(c)(2)], the commissioner shall exclude students
 1-57 who:

1-58 (1) are at least 18 years of age as of September 1 of
 1-59 the school year as reported for the fall semester Public Education
 1-60 Information Management System (PEIMS) submission and have
 1-61 satisfied the credit requirements for high school graduation;

2-1 (2) have not completed their individualized education
2-2 program under 19 T.A.C. Section 89.1070(b)(2) and the Individuals
2-3 with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Section 1400 et seq.);
2-4 and

2-5 (3) are enrolled and receiving individualized
2-6 education program services.

2-7 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
2-8 school year.

2-9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-13 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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