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H.B. No. 638

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of posthumous high school diplomas to certain students.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.0254(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(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 if the parent of the student resides 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 was expected to graduate under the regular schedule of school attendance ~~[in which the student died]~~. The high school diploma may not be issued before the graduation date of the class in which the student was enrolled at the time of death ~~[For purposes of this subsection, "school year" includes any summer session following the spring semester]~~.

SECTION 2. Section 28.0254(a), Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies beginning with students who would have graduated at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.