

1-1 By: Capriglione, Bonnen of Galveston, VanDeaver H.B. No. 638
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Powell)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 1, 2019;
1-4 April 2, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-5 Education; May 7, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-6 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 7, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9 Taylor	X			
1-10 Lucio	X			
1-11 Bettencourt	X			
1-12 Campbell	X			
1-13 Fallon	X			
1-14 Hall	X			
1-15 Hughes	X			
1-16 Paxton	X			
1-17 Powell	X			
1-18 Watson	X			
1-19 West	X			

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the issuance of posthumous high school diplomas to
1-23 certain students.

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

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 28.0254(a), Education Code, is amended
1-26 to read as follows:

1-27 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, but
1-28 subject to Subsection (b), on request of the student's parent, a
1-29 school district shall issue a high school diploma posthumously to
1-30 each student who died while enrolled in the district ~~[at grade level~~
1-31 ~~12, provided that the student was academically on track at the time~~
1-32 ~~of death to receive a diploma]~~ at the end of the school year in which
1-33 the student was expected to graduate under the regular schedule of
1-34 school attendance ~~[in which the student died]~~. The high school
1-35 diploma may not be issued before the graduation date of the class in
1-36 which the student was enrolled at the time of death ~~[For purposes~~
1-37 ~~of this subsection, "school year" includes any summer session~~
1-38 ~~following the spring semester]~~.

1-39 SECTION 2. Section 28.0254(a), Education Code, as amended
1-40 by this Act, applies beginning with students who would have
1-41 graduated at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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