

1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 2294  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2023; March 22, 2023, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;  
 1-4 April 11, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute from Committee on Education by the following vote:  
 1-6 Yeas 12, Nays 0; April 11, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Creighton	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Bettencourt	X			
1-11 Birdwell			X	
1-12 Flores	X			
1-13 King	X			
1-14 LaMantia	X			
1-15 Menéndez	X			
1-16 Middleton	X			
1-17 Parker	X			
1-18 Paxton	X			
1-19 Springer	X			
1-20 West	X			

1-22 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2294 By: Springer

1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to the Texas First Early High School Completion Program  
 1-26 and the Texas First Scholarship Program.

1-27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-28 SECTION 1. Section 28.0253(a)(2), Education Code, is  
 1-29 amended to read as follows:

1-30 (2) "Eligible institution" means an institution of  
 1-31 higher education [~~that is designated as a research university or~~  
 1-32 ~~emerging research university under the coordinating board's~~  
 1-33 ~~accountability system~~].

1-34 SECTION 2. Section 28.0253(e), Education Code, is amended  
 1-35 to read as follows:

1-36 (e) A school district or open-enrollment charter school  
 1-37 shall allow a student to graduate and receive [~~may issue~~] a high  
 1-38 school diploma [~~to a student~~] under the program if, using the  
 1-39 standards established under Subsection (c), the student  
 1-40 demonstrates mastery of and early readiness for college in each of  
 1-41 the subject areas described by that subsection and in a language  
 1-42 other than English, notwithstanding any other local or state  
 1-43 requirements.

1-44 SECTION 3. Section 56.221(2), Education Code, is amended to  
 1-45 read as follows:

1-46 (2) "Eligible institution" means an institution of  
 1-47 higher education, as that term is defined by Section 61.003 [~~, that~~  
 1-48 ~~is designated as a research university or emerging research~~  
 1-49 ~~university under the coordinating board's accountability system~~].

1-50 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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