

1-1 By: Shapleigh S.B. No. 697
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 15, 2007; February 28, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
1-4 April 12, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; April 12, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the issuance of high school diplomas to certain crime
1-9 victims.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 28.0254 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 28.0254. HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FOR CERTAIN CRIME
1-14 VICTIMS. (a) This section applies only to a school district with
1-15 an enrollment at the beginning of the school year of more than
1-16 80,000 students.

1-17 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, on
1-18 request of the student's parent, a school district shall issue a
1-19 high school diploma posthumously to each student who:

1-20 (1) attended high school in the district during the
1-21 2005-2006 school year at grade level 12; and

1-22 (2) was the victim of criminal homicide during that
1-23 school year.

1-24 (c) This section expires September 1, 2008.

1-25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-28 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-29 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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