

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

7 Sec. 28.0254. POSTHUMOUS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FOR CERTAIN  
8 STUDENTS. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code,  
9 but subject to Subsection (b), on request of the student's parent, a  
10 school district shall issue a high school diploma posthumously to  
11 each student who died while enrolled in the district at grade level  
12 12, provided that the student was academically on track at the time  
13 of death to receive a diploma at the end of the school year in which  
14 the student died. For purposes of this subsection, "school year"  
15 includes any summer session following the spring semester.

16 (b) A school district is not required to issue a high school  
17 diploma to a student described by Subsection (a) if the student at  
18 any time before the student's death was convicted of a felony  
19 offense under Title 5 or 6, Penal Code, or adjudicated as having  
20 engaged in conduct constituting a felony offense under Title 5 or 6,  
21 Penal Code.

22 SECTION 2. Section 28.0254, Education Code, as added by  
23 this Act, applies beginning with students enrolled at grade level  
24 12 during the 2005-2006 school year.

1           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

David Newkurt

President of the Senate

Jim Caddick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1563 was passed by the House on May 8, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1563 on May 25, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 125, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1563 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Daisy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 15 JUN 07

Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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Roger Williams  
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