AN ACT

relating to allowing a student receiving special education services
to participate in a graduation ceremony after the fourth year of
high school.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.025, Education Code, is amended by
adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) A school district shall issue a certificate of
attendance to a student who receives special education services
under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, and who has completed four years of
high school but has not completed the student's individualized
education program. A school district shall allow a student who
receives a certificate to participate in a graduation ceremony with
students receiving high school diplomas. A student may participate
in only one graduation ceremony under this subsection. This
subsection does not preclude a student from receiving a diploma
under Subsection (c)(2).

SECTION 2. Subsection (f), Section 28.025, Education Code,
as added by this Act, applies beginning with the 2006-2007 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
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

David Dewhurst  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 673 passed the Senate on March 14, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Patricia Brown  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 673 passed the House on April 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Robert Henry  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

8 MAY '07  
Date

Rick Perry  
Governor

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