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H.B. No. 1611

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the exemption from the assessment requirements of the Texas Success Initiative for students who successfully complete certain college preparatory courses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.3062(q-2), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(q-2) A student who successfully completes a college preparatory course under Section 28.014 is exempt from the requirements of this section with respect to the content area of the course. The exemption is effective for the three-year period following the date the student graduates from high school. ~~[The commissioner of higher education by rule shall establish the period for which an exemption under this subsection is valid.]~~ The exemption applies only at the institution of higher education that partners with the school district in which the student is enrolled to provide the course, except that the commissioner by rule may determine the manner in which the exemption may be applied to institutions of higher education other than the partnering institution.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies beginning with the assessment of entering undergraduate students at public institutions of higher education for the 2015 fall semester. The assessment of an entering undergraduate student for an academic

1 term before that semester is covered by the law in effect before the
2 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for
3 that purpose.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.