

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 1776  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

S.B. 1776 seeks to extend the one-year exemption for students who successfully complete a college preparatory course to a three-year period following the date the student graduates from high school.

A student who does not meet college readiness standards can be enrolled for a college preparatory course at their high school. Currently, a student who passes the college prep course with respect to the content area has one year before that grade expires. 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.

S.B. 1776 will give students more time to decide what they want to do regarding to their future.

As proposed, S.B. 1776 amends current law relating to the exemption from the assessment requirements of the Texas Success Initiative for students who successfully complete certain college preparatory courses.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 51.3062(q-2), Education Code, as follows:

(q-2) Provides that a student who successfully completes a college preparatory course under Section 28.014 (College Preparatory Courses) is exempt from the requirements of this section with respect to the content area of the course. Provides that the exemption is effective for the three-year period following the date the student graduates from high school. Deletes existing text requiring the commissioner of higher education by rule to establish the period for which an exemption under this subsection is valid. Makes no further change to this subsection.

SECTION 2. Provides that 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. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2015.