

### **Information Regarding Senate Bill 463**

Senate Bill 463 was successfully passed and signed into law in the 85th legislative session and extends individual graduation committees (IGCs) for students who entered the 9<sup>th</sup> grade prior to 2011-2012 school year and who took the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test.

The bill extends the Individual Graduation Committees put in place in 2015 by SB 149 and the reporting requirements for students graduating based on IGC review process to September 1, 2019.

Senate Bill 463 extends the opportunity for students to graduate even if they haven't passed their required exams by going before a graduation committee. Senate Bill 463 allows students to go before individual graduation committees as an alternate route to graduation. SB 463 applies to a student who:

- Entered ninth grade before the 2011–2012 school year;
- Successfully completed the curriculum requirements for high school graduation (as applicable when the student entered the ninth grade);
- Hasn't performed satisfactorily on an end-of-course (EOC) exam or part of an EOC exam required for graduation, including an alternative assessment offered under Sec. 39.025(c-1); and
- Has been administered the EOC exam or part of the EOC exam for which the student has not performed satisfactorily as least three times.

### **Information Regarding Senate Bill 149**

Senate Bill 149, introduced in the regular session of the 84th Texas Legislature and signed into law effective immediately by Governor Abbott on May 11, 2015, has revised the state's assessment graduation requirements for students enrolled in the 11th or 12th grade for the 2014-2015, 2015-2016, or 2016-2017 school years. A student who has failed the end-of-course (EOC) assessment graduation requirements for no more than two courses may receive a Texas high school diploma if the student has qualified to graduate by means of an unanimous Individual Graduation Committee (IGC) determination. The graduation committees are tasked with evaluating students' academic performance and must establish additional conditions for graduation such as a senior project or a portfolio along with remedial coursework to help them determine student proficiency in an EOC-tested course or courses.

#### **SB 149 on Texas Legislature Online**

<http://www.legis.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=84R&Bill=SB149>

## **SB 149 Frequently Asked Questions:**

<http://tea.texas.gov/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=25769821193>

### **Finality of Decision**

The decision of the local graduation committee regarding whether an individual qualifies to graduate and receive a high school diploma is final and may not be appealed. The decision of the local graduation committee must be unanimous in order for the individual to be eligible to receive a diploma.

### **Expiration**

Education Code 28.02541 and 19Administrative Code 74.1027 expire September 1, 2019. An individual may graduate by means of the local graduation committee under these provisions if the local graduation committee has made its determination by September 1, 2019.