

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5640

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning technical college diploma programs.

Sponsors: Senators Conway, Cleveland, Frockt, Zeiger and Saldaña.

Senate Committee on Higher Education
House Committee on Higher Education

Background: High School Diplomas. School districts must issue diplomas to students signifying graduation from high school upon the students' satisfactory completion of all local and state graduation requirements.

High School Degrees at Community or Technical College. A community or technical college (CTC) may issue a high school diploma or certificate to an individual:

- who meets the requirements for high school completion, subject to rules adopted by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education;
- who completes an associate degree program through Running Start; or
- who is 21 years or older and enrolls in a CTC and obtains an associates degree;

Contracts for Occupational and Academic Programs. CTCs may contract with local common school districts to provide occupational and academic programs for high school students. Technical colleges may enter into inter-local agreements with local school districts to provide instruction in courses required for high school graduation, basic skills, and literacy for students enrolled in technical college programs.

Summary: Anyone who enrolls in a technical college through an occupational and academic high school program operated through a contract between a CTC and a local school district, satisfactorily completes an associate degree, must be awarded a diploma from the college upon written request.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	49	0
House	96	0

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