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Seliger Files Legislation to Continue Individual Graduation Committees

AUSTIN, Texas-- Today, State Senator Seliger (R-Amarillo) filed Senate Bill 213, which allows for the continued use of Individual Graduation Committees. SB 213 gives deserving students who fail one or two state mandated exams, but otherwise meet all other graduation requirements, a path to high school graduation.

"As the author of SB 149 from the 84th Legislative Session, which originally created Individual Graduation Committees, I strongly believe it is past time for the Sunset date on this important legislation to be removed. We have years worth of data that show schools continue to use this provision judiciously, and each year students who would have otherwise not received a high school diploma are given the opportunity to be successful members of society," said Seliger.

SB 213 ensures that students who have passed all of their courses and demonstrated that they are prepared for college or the workforce will graduate from high school. Individual Graduation Committees have been in existence for four academic years and are the result of the passage of SB 149 from the 84th Legislative Session.

"The fact of the matter is, these worthy students go on to universities, community and technical colleges or enter the state's workforce with outstanding results. I look forward to once again having a thoughtful conversation surrounding the importance and permanent presence of Individual Graduation Committees," concluded Seliger.

As the senior Republican member on the Senate Education Committee, Senator Seliger has been a leader on public education policy issues since his election to the Texas Senate in 2004. During previous sessions he played a key role in the reduction of end of course exams and the creation of a new graduation plan.

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