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TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSSED:

SUBJECT: Information Required on High School Diplomas - House Bill 181

House Bill (HB) 181 was passed by the 84th Texas Legislature, 2015, and signed into law by Governor Abbott on May 13, 2015. This bill eliminates the requirement that school districts and charter schools indicate on the high school diploma the distinguished level of achievement, endorsement(s), and performance acknowledgment(s) earned by a student who graduates on the Foundation High School Program. Please note that while this information is no longer required on the diploma, it must still be included on the academic achievement record (AAR), or transcript, for each student ([Texas Education Code, §28.025(e-1)](http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.28.htm#28.025)). This legislation applies beginning with high school diplomas awarded at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

For questions regarding this legislation, please contact the Curriculum Division by telephone at (512) 463-9581 or by email at curriculum@tea.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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