

SB 1697 by Senator Angela Paxton

This bill would allow a parent or guardian to elect that their student repeat prekindergarten, enroll in prekindergarten if they would have been eligible in the previous school year, repeat kindergarten, enroll in kindergarten if they would have been eligible in the previous school year, and for grades 1-3 repeat the grade in which the student was enrolled the previous year. For grades 4-8, they can elect for their student to repeat the grade from the previous year, and for courses taken for high school credit, repeat any course in which the student was enrolled during the previous school year. This would apply for students who repeat courses from the 2020-21 school year and for student who otherwise enroll during 2021-22 school year. The parent or guardian must notify the school and the school must set up a retention committee to discuss retention. After the committee has discussed the retention the parent or guardian may elect to retain their student and the school must abide by the decision.