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H.B. No. 1542

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the reporting of certain information on career and technology education in public schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Sections 29.195 and 29.196 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.195. PEIMS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMS. (a) Each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall include the following information regarding career and technology courses offered by the district or school in the district's or school's Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) report:

(1) a list of the career and technology courses offered by the district or school;

(2) the number of career and technology classroom teachers in the district or school:

(A) certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21; or  
(B) issued a school district teaching permit under Section 21.055; and

(3) the number of contracts the district or school has entered into with other districts or schools, public or private postsecondary educational institutions, or trade or technical schools to provide career and technology courses.

(b) The information included in a school district's or

1 open-enrollment charter school's Public Education Information  
2 Management System (PEIMS) report under this section may not include  
3 student information.

4 (c) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to  
5 implement this section.

6 Sec. 29.196. CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION REPORT. (a)  
7 Not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the agency shall  
8 submit a report to the legislature on career and technology  
9 education. The report must include:

10 (1) the number of school districts and open-enrollment  
11 charter schools offering career and technology education programs;

12 (2) the courses of study provided at each district or  
13 school as part of the district's or school's career and technology  
14 education program;

15 (3) the number of students in each district or school  
16 who have taken a career and technology education course, are  
17 seeking to complete a career and technology education program, or  
18 have completed a career and technology education program,  
19 disaggregated by:

20 (A) region of the state; and

21 (B) the type of career and technology education  
22 course or program;

23 (4) the number of classroom teachers teaching a career  
24 and technology education course who are:

25 (A) certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21; or

26 (B) issued a school district teaching permit  
27 under Section 21.055;

1           (5) the number of classroom teachers teaching career  
2 and technology education courses in each regional education service  
3 center;

4           (6) the funds received by each district and school  
5 from the career and technology education allotment and the  
6 percentage of those funds spent to provide career and technology  
7 education;

8           (7) the location of each facility operated by a  
9 district or school for career and technology education;

10           (8) the number of districts and schools that have  
11 entered into a contract with other districts or schools, public or  
12 private postsecondary educational institutions, or trade or  
13 technical schools to provide career and technology education for  
14 students in the district or school;

15           (9) a description of available career and technology  
16 certifications, the availability of each certification throughout  
17 the state, and the number of students who have earned each  
18 certification since the previous report was filed;

19           (10) a description of available industry-based  
20 credentials, the availability of each credential throughout the  
21 state, and the number of students who have earned each credential  
22 since the previous report was filed;

23           (11) using data available from the Texas Workforce  
24 Commission, information on each industry or occupation in which a  
25 career and technology certification or industry-based credential  
26 is available, including:

27                   (A) median annual wage;

1                   (B) annual rate of occupation growth;

2                   (C) average annual employment; and

3                   (D) educational requirements;

4                   (12) the number of student contact hours in each  
5 career and technology education program;

6                   (13) the percentage of students participating in  
7 career and technology education programs in districts and schools,  
8 aggregated by district or school type as determined by the  
9 commissioner; and

10                   (14) any additional information or data that the  
11 agency determines necessary to provide the legislature with a  
12 complete understanding of career and technology education programs  
13 in this state.

14                   (b) The agency may use information and data collected from  
15 school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, or the Texas  
16 Workforce Commission to prepare the report required by Subsection  
17 (a).

18                   (c) The agency may, using existing resources:

19                   (1) acquire software to assist in the creation of the  
20 report required under Subsection (a); and

21                   (2) conduct a survey of school districts and  
22 open-enrollment charter schools on the barriers to providing career  
23 and technology education encountered by districts and schools.

24                   SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022  
25 school year.

26                   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.