

AN ACT

relating to the workforce diploma pilot program.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 317.004 and 317.010, Labor Code, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 317.004. PROVIDER ELIGIBILITY. To be eligible to participate as a provider under the program, a provider must:

(1) apply to the commission in the manner prescribed by commission rule;

(2) be a public, nonprofit, or private entity that is:

(A) authorized under the Education Code or other state law to grant a high school diploma; or

(B) accredited by a regional accrediting body and working in partnership with an entity described by Paragraph (A);

(3) have at least two years of experience providing dropout reengagement services to adult students, including recruitment, learning plan development, and proactive coaching and mentoring, leading to the obtainment of a high school diploma;

(4) be equipped to:

(A) provide:

(i) academic skill intake assessment and transcript evaluations;

(ii) remediation coursework in literacy and numeracy;

1 (iii) a research-validated academic
2 resiliency assessment and intervention;

3 (iv) employability skills development
4 aligned to employer needs;

5 (v) career pathways coursework;

6 (vi) preparation for the attainment of
7 industry-recognized credentials; and

8 (vii) career placement services; and

9 (B) develop a learning plan that integrates
10 academic requirements and career goals; and

11 (5) offer a course catalog that includes all courses
12 necessary to meet high school graduation requirements in this
13 state.

14 Sec. 317.010. EXPIRATION. This chapter expires September
15 1, 2027 [~~2025~~].

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2575 was passed by the House on April 20, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 115, Nays 31, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2575 was passed by the Senate on May 9, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor