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H.B. No. 2575

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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:

(A) is:

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

(ii) working in partnership with an entity described by Subparagraph (i); or

(B) is accredited by a regional accrediting body;

(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;

1 (ii) remediation coursework in literacy and  
2 numeracy;

3 (iii) a research-validated academic  
4 resiliency assessment and intervention;

5 (iv) employability skills development  
6 aligned to employer needs;

7 (v) career pathways coursework;

8 (vi) preparation for the attainment of  
9 industry-recognized credentials; and

10 (vii) career placement services; and

11 (B) develop a learning plan that integrates  
12 academic requirements and career goals; and

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

16 Sec. 317.010. EXPIRATION. This chapter expires September  
17 1, 2027 [~~2025~~].

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