

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of an adult education pilot program by the Windham School District.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 19, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 19.0052 to read as follows:

Sec. 19.0052. ADULT EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The Windham School District shall establish a pilot program under which one or more nonprofit entities provide an adult education program under Subchapter G, Chapter 12, to enable persons described by Subsection (b) to successfully complete a high school program that can lead to a diploma.

(b) A person confined or imprisoned in the department who is at least 26 years of age and not more than 50 years of age is eligible to enroll in an adult education program operated under the pilot program if the person:

(1) has failed to complete the curriculum requirements for high school graduation;

(2) has failed to perform satisfactorily on an assessment instrument required for high school graduation; or

(3) has failed to earn a high school equivalency certificate.

(c) The district shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with at least one nonprofit entity described by

1 Section 12.256, Education Code, to provide an adult education
2 program under the pilot program. The district shall require the
3 nonprofit entity to identify each region of this state in which the
4 entity is able to operate an adult education program under the pilot
5 program.

6 (d) The district, in consultation with each nonprofit
7 entity with which the district enters into a memorandum of
8 understanding under this section, shall identify at least three
9 schools operated by the district that are suitable to serve as sites
10 for the pilot program.

11 SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2024, the Windham
12 School District shall establish and implement the pilot program
13 required by Section 19.0052, Education Code, as added by this Act.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2158 passed the Senate on April 20, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2158 passed the House on May 9, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 1, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor