

Amend CSHB 2 as follows:

(1) In Part C, Article 2, of the bill (committee printing, page 34, between lines 32 and 33), add the following appropriately numbered section and renumber the subsequent sections of Part C accordingly:

SECTION 2C.\_\_. Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER K. COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

PREPARATION PILOT PROGRAM

Sec. 29.401. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "College entrance examination" means an assessment instrument, such as the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) and the American College Test (ACT), used by colleges and universities in determining student admissions.

(2) "Preparation course" means a college entrance examination preparation course.

(3) "Program" means the college entrance examination preparation pilot program.

Sec. 29.402. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM; GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA. (a) The agency shall establish a college entrance examination preparation pilot program for the purpose of enabling a participating campus to offer a college entrance examination preparation course to participating students.

(b) The agency shall establish:

(1) clear guidelines for the program, including guidelines for participating campuses to follow in implementing the program; and

(2) criteria for participating campuses to use in selecting students to participate in the program.

Sec. 29.403. APPROVED VENDORS. The agency shall:

(1) establish a process for approving a vendor to provide preparation course instruction for participating campuses; and

(2) compile a list of approved vendors.

Sec. 29.404. CAMPUS ELIGIBILITY. A campus is eligible to participate in the program only if at least 40 percent of the students enrolled at the campus:

(1) are educationally disadvantaged; or  
(2) are students at risk of dropping out of school as defined by Section 29.081(d).

Sec. 29.405. APPLICATION PROCESS. (a) A campus, or a school district on behalf of one or more district campuses, may apply to the agency to participate in the program. The application submitted by the campus or district must include a detailed proposal that:

(1) describes the manner in which the campus proposes to:

(A) recruit students to and achieve and maintain strong student attendance and participation in the program; and

(B) assist participating students in completing the preparation course and taking a college entrance examination;

(2) describes how the campus proposes to schedule a preparation course so that the course does not interfere with participating students' regular curriculum requirements or extracurricular activities;

(3) describes the manner in which the campus will be responsible for the logistical requirements of the program;

(4) identifies a campus program coordinator; and

(5) describes the manner in which the campus will report the effectiveness of the program to the agency.

(b) On the basis of applications submitted under this section, the agency shall select to participate in the program campuses that are eligible to participate under Section 29.404.

Sec. 29.406. FUNDING; CAMPUS IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM.

(a) A participating campus is entitled to receive a grant from the agency in an amount, determined by the agency, sufficient to implement the program. The agency may not spend more than a total of \$2 million of any agency funds in any fiscal year in awarding grants under this section.

(b) A participating campus shall select a vendor from the agency's list of approved vendors under Section 29.403 to offer a college entrance examination preparation course at the campus.

(c) Using grant funds received under Subsection (a), a participating campus must provide for the logistical requirements

of the preparation course, such as the course's location and transportation to the course, and supplies, such as pencils and calculators.

Sec. 29.407. EVALUATION; REPORT. (a) Each participating campus shall, with the assistance of the vendor serving the campus, report preparation course performance data to the agency. The performance data must include aggregated student scores and progress reports, including the college entrance examination scores of participating students.

(b) The agency shall conduct an evaluation of the program. Each participating campus shall cooperate with the agency to ensure an effective evaluation.

(c) The agency shall report the results of the evaluation to the legislature not later than December 31, 2006.

Sec. 29.408. RULES. The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to administer this subchapter.

Sec. 29.409. EXPIRATION. This subchapter expires August 1, 2007.

(2) In Part C, Article 2, of the bill (committee printing, page 50, between lines 11 and 12), add the following appropriately numbered section and renumber the subsequent sections of Part C accordingly:

SECTION 2C.\_\_\_. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the commissioner of education shall adopt rules for implementing the college entrance examination preparation pilot program as required by Subchapter K, Chapter 29, Education Code, as added by this Act. The commissioner of education shall make the college entrance examination preparation pilot program available for school campus participation for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years.