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S.B. No. 1636

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the development of occupational skills training  
3 curriculum by the Texas Education Agency.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 29 of the Education Code is amended by  
6 adding new Section 29.2531 to read as follows:

7 Section 29.2531. DEVELOPMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS  
8 TRAINING CURRICULUM. (a) The agency shall develop occupational  
9 skills training curriculum aimed at assisting workers to obtain  
10 jobs that are available in the region.

11 (b) In developing the curriculum, the agency shall target  
12 workers who have limited English language proficiency.

13 (c) The curriculum developed in subsection (a) shall have  
14 English language skills integrated with the occupational skills  
15 training.

16 (d) In developing the curriculum, the agency shall use  
17 existing resources from Title II relating to Adult Education and  
18 Literacy in the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.