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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to career and technology programs and certain articulation
agreements in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
amended by adding Section 28.0024 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0024. REVIEW OF CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION
PROGRAMS AND CERTAIN ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS. (a) Not later than
November 1, 2007, the agency shall establish a panel of individuals
with expertise in career and technology education programs and
industry employers that hire students who complete career and
technology education programs to:

(1) review and recommend revisions to the career and
technology education curriculum under Section 28.002(a)(2)(F); and

(2) review articulation agreements with junior
colleges and technical colleges entered into under Subchapter T,
Chapter 61.

(b) A member of the panel shall serve on a voluntary basis
without compensation.

(c) Not later than May 1, 2008, the panel shall complete the
review of the career and technology education curriculum as
required by Subsection (a)(1) and make recommendations concerning
revision of the curriculum to the State Board of Education. Not
later than September 1, 2008, the State Board of Education by rule

1 shall revise the essential knowledge and skills of the career and
2 technology education curriculum identified under Section 28.002(c)
3 on the basis of the recommendations. The State Board of Education
4 shall require school districts to provide instruction in the
5 revised career and technology education curriculum beginning with
6 the 2009-2010 school year.

7 (d) Not later than May 1, 2008, the panel shall complete the
8 review of articulation agreements as required by Subsection (a)(2)
9 and make recommendations concerning the articulation agreements to
10 the agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

11 (e) This section expires September 1, 2010.

12 SECTION 2. Section 42.154, Education Code, is amended by
13 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

14 (a-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,
15 the commissioner shall develop and implement a pilot program under
16 which a school district is entitled to additional funding for each
17 student receiving career and technology instruction in grade eight.
18 The commissioner shall select the Region 6 education service center
19 and the Region 20 education service center for participation in the
20 pilot program. For each full-time equivalent student in grade
21 eight in average daily attendance in an approved career and
22 technology education program, a school district that is located
23 primarily in the service region of a regional education service
24 center described by this subsection is entitled to an annual
25 allotment equal to the adjusted basic allotment multiplied by a
26 weight of 1.35. Funds allocated under this subsection, other than
27 an indirect cost allotment established under State Board of

1 Education rule, must be used in providing career and technology
2 programs in grade eight under Sections 29.182, 29.183, and 29.184.
3 A school district is entitled to an allotment under this section for
4 each school year through the completion of the 2011-2012 school
5 year. Not later than January 1, 2013, the agency shall prepare and
6 deliver to each member of the legislature a report describing the
7 effectiveness of the pilot program described by this subsection.
8 This subsection expires February 1, 2013.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.