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H.B. No. 3485

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to career and technology education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5.001, Education Code is amended by adding Sections (9) to read as follows:

(9) A "Career and Technology Student" means:

(a) a secondary student who has entered the first course in a sequence of two or more technical courses for 3 or more credits in a single technical education program and has expressed intent to complete the sequence of courses. The sequence of courses can either be locally developed or a state approved tech-prep program.

(b) a postsecondary student who is enrolled in academic and/or workforce courses that are part of a sequence of courses leading to an industry-recognized credential, certificate, or degree and has declared that sequence as their major course of study.

SECTION 2. Section 28.009, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) Each school district shall implement a program under which students may earn the equivalent of at least 12 semester credit hours of college credit in high school. College credit may be earned through International Baccalaureate (IB) courses,

1 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, dual credit courses, locally
2 articulated courses, statewide articulated Advanced Technical
3 Credit (ATC) courses, or any combination of the above.

4 (a-1) Not later than the fall 2008 semester each school
5 district shall implement a program that meets the requirements
6 prescribed by Subsection (a). This subsection expires June 1,
7 2009.

8 (b) The agency shall coordinate with the Texas Higher
9 Education Coordinating Board as necessary in administering this
10 section.

11 (c) School districts and partnering postsecondary
12 institutions shall annually report the number of students who have
13 earned credit described in section (a) and the number of college
14 semester credit hours transcribed.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all of the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article II, Texas Constitution. If this Act
18 does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act
19 takes effect September 1, 2007.