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S.B. No. 1278

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to funding for career and technology programs in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.154, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) For each full-time equivalent student in grades eight through 12 in average daily attendance in an approved career and technology education program [~~in grades nine through 12~~] or in a career and technology education program [~~programs~~] for students with disabilities in grade [~~grades~~] seven [~~through 12~~], a district is entitled to an annual allotment equal to the adjusted basic allotment multiplied by a weight of 1.35.

(a-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the commissioner shall develop and implement a pilot program under which a school district is entitled to additional funding for each student receiving career and technology instruction in grade seven. The commissioner shall select either the Region Six education service center or the Region 20 education service center for participation in the pilot program. For each full-time equivalent student in grade seven in average daily attendance in an approved career and technology education program, a school district that is located primarily in the service region of the regional education

1 service center selected by the commissioner under this subsection  
2 is entitled to an annual allotment equal to the adjusted basic  
3 allotment multiplied by a weight of 1.35. Funds allocated under  
4 this subsection, other than an indirect cost allotment established  
5 under State Board of Education rule, must be used in providing  
6 career and technology programs in grade seven under Sections  
7 29.182, 29.183, and 29.184. A school district is entitled to an  
8 allotment under this section for each school year through the  
9 completion of the 2011-2012 school year. Not later than January 1,  
10 2013, the agency shall prepare and deliver to each member of the  
11 legislature a report describing the effectiveness of the pilot  
12 program described by this subsection. This subsection expires  
13 February 1, 2013.

14 (c) Funds allocated under this section, other than an  
15 indirect cost allotment established under State Board of Education  
16 rule, must be used in providing career and technology education  
17 programs [~~in grades nine through 12 or career and technology~~  
18 ~~education programs for students with disabilities in grades seven~~  
19 ~~through 12]~~ under Sections 29.182, 29.183, and 29.184 for students  
20 described by Subsection (a).

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.