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H.B. No. 1085

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an after-school pilot program offered by school
3 districts to middle and junior high school students and their
4 parents to prepare students for postsecondary education and
5 training.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 29.0981 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 29.0981. AFTER-SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAMS TO PREPARE MIDDLE
10 AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND
11 TRAINING. (a) In this section, "parent" includes a person standing
12 in parental relation.

13 (b) A school district may offer an after-school program to
14 provide instruction to:

15 (1) middle and junior high school students in the
16 curriculum and skills necessary to prepare students to graduate
17 from high school and:

18 (A) enroll in and succeed at postsecondary
19 educational institutions; or

20 (B) obtain and succeed at training required for
21 an occupation; and

22 (2) parents of students participating in the program
23 to enable the parents to assist the students in graduating from high
24 school and achieving postsecondary educational or training goals.

1 (c) Before providing a program under this section, the board
2 of trustees of a school district must adopt a policy for:

3 (1) determining student eligibility for participating
4 in the program that provides for considering teacher
5 recommendations in determining eligibility;

6 (2) ensuring that parents of eligible students are
7 provided notice of the program and of the opportunity for
8 participation in the program by students and parents;

9 (3) ensuring that eligible students and their parents
10 are encouraged to attend the program;

11 (4) ensuring that the program is offered at one or more
12 locations in the district that are easily accessible to eligible
13 students and their parents; and

14 (5) measuring student progress on completion of the
15 program.

16 (d) The commissioner by rule shall:

17 (1) prescribe a procedure that a school district must
18 follow to apply for and receive funding for a program under this
19 section;

20 (2) adopt guidelines for determining which districts
21 receive funding if there is not sufficient funding for each
22 district that applies;

23 (3) require each district providing a program to
24 report student performance results to the commissioner within the
25 period and in the manner prescribed by the rule; and

26 (4) based on district reports under Subdivision (3)
27 and any required analysis and verification of those reports,

1 disseminate to each district in this state information concerning
2 instructional methods that have proved successful in preparing
3 students to:

4 (A) enroll in and succeed at postsecondary
5 educational institutions; or

6 (B) obtain and succeed at training required for
7 an occupation.

8 (e) A program provided under this section shall be paid for
9 with funds appropriated for that purpose.

10 (f) Not later than December 1, 2018, the commissioner shall
11 submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the
12 house of representatives, and the presiding officer of the standing
13 committee of each house of the legislature with primary
14 jurisdiction over public education a written report recommending
15 whether the program under this section should or should not be
16 continued and a detailed explanation of the basis for that
17 recommendation.

18 (g) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to
19 administer this section.

20 (h) This section expires September 1, 2019.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.