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H.B. No. 4671

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to funding for career and technology education programs in
3 public schools.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 42.154, Education Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsections (c-1) and
7 (c-2) to read as follows:

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

14 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (c-1), funds [~~Funds~~]
15 allocated under this section, other than an indirect cost allotment
16 established under State Board of Education rule, may [~~must~~] be used
17 only to provide [~~in providing~~] career and technology education
18 programs in grades eight [~~nine~~] through 12 or career and technology
19 education programs for students with disabilities in grades seven
20 through 12 under Sections 29.182, 29.183, and 29.184.

21 (c-1) Because career and technical student organizations
22 are an integral part of a career and technology education program,
23 funds allocated under this section may also be used to provide
24 funding to students and teachers for participation in activities

1 related to career and technical student organizations that are
2 supported by the agency and the State Board of Education.

3 (c-2) A school district is entitled to additional funding to
4 reimburse district costs related to:

5 (1) administering to students assessment instruments
6 required for licensure, certification, or credit;

7 (2) training to prepare teachers to teach a career and
8 technology education course, including costs associated with
9 certification examinations, continuing education courses, or other
10 incentives approved by the agency; and

11 (3) defraying the start-up costs associated with the
12 development of new career and technology education programs that
13 prepare students for career employment in occupations that are
14 identified by the agency as being in high-demand high technology
15 industries.

16 SECTION 2. Section 42.154(a-1), Education Code, is
17 repealed.

18 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2011-2012
19 school year.

20 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.