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S.B. No. 1567

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to creating a pilot project to reduce the need for
3 developmental education required for certain students entering
4 higher education.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter L, Chapter 39, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 39.367 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 39.367. COLLEGE READINESS PILOT PROJECT. (a) Not
9 later than January 1, 2010, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
10 Board shall establish a pilot project to provide funding and
11 support to institutions of higher education to develop programs for
12 early intervention to prepare high school students for academic
13 skills assessments used to determine a student's readiness to
14 enroll in freshman-level academic course work at an institution of
15 higher education.

16 (b) An institution of higher education shall apply to the
17 coordinating board to participate in the pilot project. The
18 coordinating board shall select not more than three institutions of
19 higher education to participate based on:

20 (1) the merit of the institution's proposed program;
21 (2) the number of students to be served by the program;
22 (3) the remediation or developmental needs of the
23 community served by the program; and

24 (4) other criteria as determined by the coordinating

1 board.

2 (c) The pilot project may be funded by appropriations, by
3 gifts, grants, and donations, and by any other funds the
4 coordinating board obtains, including federal funds, for the pilot
5 project.

6 (d) Not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the
7 coordinating board shall report to the governor and to the chair of
8 each standing committee of each house of the legislature with
9 jurisdiction over education regarding:

10 (1) the effectiveness of programs funded under the
11 pilot project established by this section in minimizing the need
12 for developmental education; and

13 (2) recommendations regarding implementing similar
14 programs at other institutions of higher education.

15 (e) This section expires January 1, 2015.

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