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H.B. No. 1497

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the allocation of certain federal career and technical
3 education funds.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 7.109, Education Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read
7 as follows:

8 (d) The State Board for Career and Technology Education may
9 allocate funds appropriated to the board by the legislature and
10 shall allocate as provided by Subsection (f) ~~[or]~~ federal funds
11 received by the board under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical
12 ~~[Vocational]~~ Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. Section 2301 et seq.)
13 or other federal law to an institution or program approved by the
14 State Board of Education, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
15 Board, or another state agency specified by law.

16 (e) For purposes of allocating federal funds described by
17 Subsection (d), the State Board for Career and Technology Education
18 shall determine the relative student utilization of approved career
19 and technology education programs under Subsection (d). To assist
20 the State Board for Career and Technology Education in making that
21 determination, for each semester of each school year or academic
22 year, as applicable:

23 (1) the agency shall calculate the number of full-time
24 equivalent students enrolled at the secondary level in an approved

1 career and technology education program; and

2 (2) the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
3 shall calculate the number of full-time equivalent students
4 enrolled at the postsecondary level in an approved career and
5 technology education program.

6 (f) The agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
7 Board shall, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the State
8 Board for Career and Technology Education, provide the calculations
9 of student utilization of approved career and technology education
10 programs under Subsection (e) to the State Board for Career and
11 Technology Education. After receiving the calculations under this
12 subsection, the State Board for Career and Technology Education
13 shall determine the relative student utilization of approved career
14 and technology education programs and allocate funding to support
15 career and technology education at the secondary level and at the
16 postsecondary level in proportion to that relative student
17 utilization determination.

18 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
19 7.109, Education Code, applies beginning with an allocation of
20 federal funds made on or after the effective date of this Act,
21 except that the State Board for Career and Technology Education, in
22 making an allocation on or after that date, may allocate the funds
23 in a manner that deviates from the requirements of Section 7.109,
24 Education Code, as amended by this Act, to the extent necessary to
25 comply with a grant awarded or an agreement entered into before the
26 effective date of this Act under the Texas State Plan for Career and
27 Technical Education, 2008-2013, or to comply with federal law.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.