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H.B. No. 1879

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the use of money appropriated out of the general revenue
3 fund for the provision of postsecondary educational programs to
4 persons confined or imprisoned in the Texas Department of Criminal
5 Justice.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 19.005(a), Education Code, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (a) Any person confined or imprisoned in the department who
10 is not a high school graduate is eligible for programs or services
11 under this chapter paid for with money from the foundation school
12 fund. ~~[To the extent space is available, the district may also
13 offer programs or services under this chapter paid for with money
14 from the foundation school fund to persons confined or imprisoned
15 in the department who are high school graduates.]~~

16 SECTION 2. Chapter 19, Education Code, is amended by adding
17 Section 19.0071 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 19.0071. CERTAIN USE OF APPROPRIATED MONEY PROHIBITED.

19 (a) In this section, "appropriated money" means money:

20 (1) appropriated to the district from the general
21 revenue fund, including money from the foundation school fund; and

22 (2) received by the district from the department under
23 Section 19.007 that was appropriated to the department from the
24 general revenue fund.

1 (b) The district may not use appropriated money to provide,
2 or contract for the provision of, postsecondary educational
3 programs, including vocational training programs, to persons who
4 are confined or imprisoned in the department and are high school
5 graduates or have high school equivalency certificates.

6 SECTION 3. Chapter 493, Government Code, is amended by
7 adding Section 493.030 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 493.030. TRANSFER OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATED MONEY
9 PROHIBITED. The department may not transfer any money appropriated
10 to the department from the general revenue fund to the Windham
11 School District operated under Chapter 19, Education Code, for the
12 purpose of the district providing, or contracting for the provision
13 of, postsecondary educational programs, including vocational
14 training programs, to persons who are confined or imprisoned in the
15 department and are high school graduates or have high school
16 equivalency certificates.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.