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S.B. No. 1410

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reporting student enrollment in tech-prep programs and evaluating tech-prep consortia.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.185, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 29.185. CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES [RULES]. (a) The agency shall prescribe requirements for career and technology education in public schools as necessary to comply with federal law.

(b) The agency shall establish procedures for each school district and open-enrollment charter school to:

(1) accurately identify students who are enrolled in a tech-prep program as described by Section 61.852; and

(2) report the accurate number of tech-prep program students to the agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

SECTION 2. Section 61.858, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 61.858. TECH-PREP CONSORTIUM [~~STATEWIDE~~] EVALUATION. (a) The [~~In coordination with tech-prep consortia, including the governing board of each tech-prep consortium, the~~] board shall develop and implement a statewide system to evaluate each tech-prep consortium. The evaluation must include:

1 (1) an assessment of the consortium's performance
2 during the past year in comparison to the goals and objectives
3 stated in the five-year plan contained in the consortium's grant
4 application to the board under Section 61.856;

5 (2) an identification of any concerns the board has
6 regarding the consortium's performance; and

7 (3) recommendations for improvement by the consortium
8 in the next year [~~based on the success of the consortium's tech-prep~~
9 ~~program and other appropriate criteria. The evaluation system must~~
10 ~~include standards that a tech-prep consortium, including the~~
11 ~~consortium's governing board, is expected to meet in administering~~
12 ~~the consortium's duties under this subchapter].~~

13 (b) The [~~Using the criteria developed under Subsection (a),~~
14 ~~the]~~ board shall evaluate each tech-prep consortium annually
15 [~~biennially~~]. At least once every four years, or more frequently as
16 provided by board rule, the annual evaluation shall be conducted
17 on-site.

18 (c) Not later than November [~~October~~] 1 of each
19 [~~even-numbered~~] year, the board shall provide a written report to
20 each tech-prep consortium with the results of the evaluation. The
21 report must:

22 (1) contain the findings, concerns, and
23 recommendations resulting from the evaluation required under
24 Subsections (a) and (b);

25 (2) communicate to the consortium the results of the
26 board's evaluation, specifically including the elements required
27 by Subsection (a);

1 (3) [~~discuss any failure of the tech-prep consortium~~
2 ~~to meet a standard established under Subsection (a) during the~~
3 ~~reporting period, recognize the achievements of the consortium,~~
4 ~~including the consortium's meeting of standards during the~~
5 ~~reporting period,~~] identify areas in which the consortium has made
6 improvement or should take steps to improve its performance;;[~~7~~] and

7 (4) identify best practices of tech-prep consortia.

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