

1-1 By: Duncan S.B. No. 1410
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1-6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1410 By: Van de Putte

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to reporting student enrollment in tech-prep programs and
1-10 evaluating tech-prep consortia.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 29.185, Education Code, is amended to
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 29.185. CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND
1-15 PROCEDURES [RULES]. (a) The agency shall prescribe requirements
1-16 for career and technology education in public schools as necessary
1-17 to comply with federal law.

1-18 (b) The agency shall establish procedures for each school
1-19 district and open-enrollment charter school to:

1-20 (1) accurately identify students who are enrolled in a
1-21 tech-prep program as described by Section 61.852; and

1-22 (2) report the accurate number of tech-prep program
1-23 students to the agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
1-24 Board.

1-25 SECTION 2. Section 61.858, Education Code, is amended to
1-26 read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 61.858. TECH-PREP CONSORTIUM [STATEWIDE] EVALUATION.

1-28 (a) ~~The [In coordination with tech-prep consortia, including the~~
1-29 ~~governing board of each tech-prep consortium, the]~~ board shall
1-30 develop and implement a statewide system to evaluate each tech-prep
1-31 consortium. The evaluation must include:

1-32 (1) an assessment of the consortium's performance
1-33 during the past year in comparison to the goals and objectives
1-34 stated in the five-year plan contained in the consortium's grant
1-35 application to the board under Section 61.856;

1-36 (2) an identification of any concerns the board has
1-37 regarding the consortium's performance; and

1-38 (3) recommendations for improvement by the consortium
1-39 in the next year ~~[based on the success of the consortium's tech-prep~~
1-40 ~~program and other appropriate criteria. The evaluation system must~~
1-41 ~~include standards that a tech-prep consortium, including the~~
1-42 ~~consortium's governing board, is expected to meet in administering~~
1-43 ~~the consortium's duties under this subchapter].~~

1-44 (b) ~~The [Using the criteria developed under Subsection (a),~~
1-45 ~~the]~~ board shall evaluate each tech-prep consortium annually
1-46 ~~[biennially]. At least once every four years, or more frequently as~~
1-47 ~~provided by board rule, the annual evaluation shall be conducted~~
1-48 ~~on-site.~~

1-49 (c) Not later than November ~~[October]~~ 1 of each
1-50 ~~[even-numbered]~~ year, the board shall provide a written report to
1-51 each tech-prep consortium with the results of the evaluation. The
1-52 report must:

1-53 (1) contain the findings, concerns, and
1-54 recommendations resulting from the evaluation required under
1-55 Subsections (a) and (b);

1-56 (2) communicate to the consortium the results of the
1-57 board's evaluation, specifically including the elements required
1-58 by Subsection (a);

1-59 (3) ~~[discuss any failure of the tech-prep consortium~~
1-60 ~~to meet a standard established under Subsection (a) during the~~
1-61 ~~reporting period, recognize the achievements of the consortium,~~
1-62 ~~including the consortium's meeting of standards during the~~
1-63 ~~reporting period,]~~ identify areas in which the consortium has made

2-1 improvement or should take steps to improve its performance; [7] and
2-2 (4) identify best practices of tech-prep consortia.
2-3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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