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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 5 (house committee report) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. INTERIM STUDY REGARDING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS'
5 TRANSITION TO CAREER OR TRADE. (a) A select interim committee is
6 created to conduct a study to evaluate the transition of a high
7 school student to a career or trade by enrolling in career and
8 technical courses offered in secondary and postsecondary settings.

9 (b) The study must consider:

10 (1) the feasibility of offering a high school student
11 the opportunity to obtain industry licensure or certification
12 before the student graduates by increasing access to community
13 college or postsecondary technical school courses;

14 (2) the extent to which a high school student may
15 transfer course credits earned while in high school to a
16 postsecondary institution for credit toward an industry licensure
17 or certification;

18 (3) the extent to which a high school student may
19 satisfy high school graduation requirements by enrolling in a
20 career and technical course offered by a postsecondary institution;
21 and

22 (4) whether courses offered in secondary and
23 postsecondary settings are tailored to occupations needed in a
24 particular region.

25 (c) The committee is composed of members appointed by the
26 speaker of the house of representatives. The speaker may appoint as
27 many members as necessary to accomplish the purposes of the
28 committee.

29 (d) The speaker of the house of representatives shall

1 designate a committee chair and a committee vice-chair from among
2 the committee members.

3 (e) The committee shall convene at the call of the chair.

4 (f) The committee has all other powers and duties provided
5 to a special or select committee by the rules of the house of
6 representatives, by Subchapter B, Chapter 301, Government Code, and
7 by policies of the house committee on administration.

8 (g) Not later than December 1, 2014, the committee shall
9 report the committee's findings and recommendations to the
10 legislature. The committee shall include in its recommendations
11 specific statutory and rule changes that appear necessary from the
12 results of the committee's study under Subsection (b) of this
13 section.

14 (h) Not later than the 60th day after the effective date of
15 this Act, the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint
16 the members of the committee created under this section and
17 designate the committee's chair and vice-chair.

18 (i) The Texas Legislative Council shall provide any
19 necessary staff and resources to the committee created under this
20 section.

21 (j) The committee is abolished December 21, 2014.

22 (k) This section expires December 21, 2014.