

By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 797

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to certain written information the Windham School District  
3 must provide to a person before the person enrolls in a district  
4 vocational training program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 19, Education Code, is amended by adding  
7 Section 19.0042 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 19.0042. INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY DISTRICT BEFORE  
9 VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM ENROLLMENT. Before a person described  
10 by Section 19.005 enrolls in a district vocational training  
11 program, the district must inform the person in writing of:

12 (1) any rule or policy of a state agency that would  
13 impose a restriction or prohibition on the person in obtaining a  
14 certificate or license in connection with the vocational training  
15 program;

16 (2) for the preceding three-year period, the total  
17 number of district students who have completed a district  
18 vocational training program and, of those students:

19 (A) the number who have been denied a certificate  
20 or license by a state agency; and

21 (B) the number who have been issued a certificate  
22 or license by a state agency; and

23 (3) the procedures for:

24 (A) requesting a criminal history evaluation

1 letter under Section 53.102, Occupations Code;

2 (B) providing evidence of fitness to perform the  
3 duties and discharge the responsibilities of a licensed occupation  
4 for purposes of Section 53.023, Occupations Code; and

5 (C) appealing a state agency's denial of a  
6 certificate or license, including deadlines and due process  
7 requirements:

8 (i) to the State Office of Administrative  
9 Hearings under Subchapter C, Chapter 2001, Government Code; and

10 (ii) through any other available avenue.

11 SECTION 2. Section 19.0042, Education Code, as added by  
12 this Act, applies only regarding enrollment of a person in a Windham  
13 School District vocational training program on or after September  
14 1, 2013.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.