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H.B. No. 799

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to vocational training programs provided by the Windham  
3 School District.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 19.004(c), Education Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (c) The district shall:

8 (1) develop educational programs specifically  
9 designed for persons eligible under Section 19.005 and ensure that  
10 those programs, such as GED and ESL, are integrated with an applied  
11 vocational context leading to employment;

12 (1-a) develop vocational training programs  
13 specifically designed for persons eligible under Section 19.005 and  
14 prioritize the programs that result in certification or licensure,  
15 considering the impact that a previous felony conviction has on the  
16 ability to secure certification, licensure, and employment;

17 (1-b) continually assess job markets in this state and  
18 update, augment, and expand the vocational training programs  
19 developed under Subdivision (1-a) as necessary to provide relevant  
20 and marketable skills to students; and

21 (2) coordinate educational programs and services in  
22 the department with those provided by other state agencies, by  
23 political subdivisions, and by persons who provide programs and  
24 services under contract.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.