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H.B. No. 842

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to requiring public school districts to provide certain
3 opportunities to career and technical students under the college
4 credit program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 28.009, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

8 (a-1) A program implemented under this section must provide
9 a career and technical student the opportunity to earn credit for a
10 single course or activity, including an apprenticeship or training
11 hours, necessary to obtain an industry-recognized credential or
12 certificate or an associate degree, concurrently toward both the
13 student's high school diploma and postsecondary academic
14 requirements, if the course or activity is approved by the Texas
15 Higher Education Coordinating Board for that purpose.

16 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016
17 school year.

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