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H.B. No. 1784

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the provision of career and technology education  
3 courses in certain partnership programs to provide high school  
4 dropout recovery.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 29.402, Education Code, is amended by  
7 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as  
8 follows:

9 (a) A [Beginning September 1, 2012, a] public junior college  
10 may enter into an articulation agreement to partner with one or more  
11 school districts located in the public junior college district to  
12 provide on the campus of the public junior college a dropout  
13 recovery program for students described by Subsection (b) to  
14 successfully complete and receive a diploma from a high school of  
15 the appropriate partnering school district.

16 (c-1) A public junior college under this section may partner  
17 with a public technical institute, as defined by Section 61.003, to  
18 provide, as part of the dropout recovery program curriculum, career  
19 and technology education courses that lead to industry or career  
20 certification.

21 SECTION 2. Section 29.403, Education Code, is amended by  
22 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

23 (c) A public technical institute may receive from a  
24 partnering public junior college for each student enrolled in a

1 career and technology education course as provided by Section  
2 29.402(c-1) an amount negotiated between the public technical  
3 institute and the partnering public junior college.

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