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H.B. No. 2199

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an approval process for career and technology education courses offered by school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.002(f), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) A school district may offer courses for local credit in addition to those in the required curriculum. The State Board of Education shall be flexible in approving a course for credit for high school graduation under this subsection. Approval of a career and technology education course is subject to Section 28.00223.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.00223 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.00223. APPROVAL OF CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION COURSES. (a) In this section, "board" means the State Board of Education.

(b) A school district may submit one or more career and technology education courses for review and approval by the board to satisfy requirements imposed under Section 28.002(a)(2)(E).

(c) Not later than January 1 of the school year preceding the first school year for which the district requests approval, the district must submit a detailed description of the course, including the curriculum, instructional materials, and required equipment, if any, and any other information required by the board.

1 (d) If the board does not approve or disapprove the course
2 before the 180th day after the date on which the district's
3 completed application is received, the course is considered
4 approved to satisfy the requirements imposed under Section
5 28.002(a)(2)(E).

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.