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H.B. No. 2556

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to an approval process for career and technology education  
3 courses offered by school districts.

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

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

7 (f) A school district may offer courses for local credit in  
8 addition to those in the required curriculum. The State Board of  
9 Education shall be flexible in approving a course for credit for  
10 high school graduation under this subsection. Approval of a career  
11 and technology education course is subject to Section 28.029.

12 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 28, Education Code, is  
13 amended by adding Section 28.029 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 28.029. CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION COURSES. (a)  
15 In this section, "board" means the State Board of Education.

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

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

24 (d) If the board does not approve or disapprove the course

1 before the 90th day after the date on which the district's completed  
2 application is received, the course is considered approved to  
3 satisfy the requirements imposed under Section 28.002(a)(2)(E).

4 (e) After a course is approved in accordance with this  
5 section, any school district may offer the course to satisfy the  
6 requirements imposed under Section 28.002(a)(2)(E).

7 (f) Approval obtained under this section remains in effect  
8 for three school years. After the third school year, any school  
9 district may request and obtain approval of the course for an  
10 additional three-year period in the same manner as the initial  
11 request under this section. There is no limit on the number of  
12 times that a course may be approved for an additional three-year  
13 period.

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