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H.B. No. 2588

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to college preparatory courses offered by school districts for local course credit.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.0026 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0026. COLLEGE PREPARATORY COURSE. (a) To the greatest extent practicable, a school district shall offer to students attending high school in the district a college preparatory course for local course credit in accordance with Section 28.002(f).

(b) A college preparatory course under Subsection (a) must include:

(1) guidance concerning the college admissions process, including:

(A) information concerning institutions of higher education with a wide range of admissions criteria; and

(B) the availability of various types of financial aid and the qualifications for obtaining those various types of aid;

(2) instruction designed to prepare students for successful performance on a specific college entrance examination; and

(3) instruction on various forms of writing,

1 especially essay writing, at the college level.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.