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H.B. No. 2821

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a postsecondary education paths pilot program in certain independent school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.9175 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.9175. POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PATHS PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) Using funds appropriated for that purpose, the commissioner shall establish a pilot program under which a school district participating in the program shall provide information on considering, selecting, and navigating available postsecondary education paths to interested students.

(b) The information required under Subsection (a) must include video tutorials, online resources, and a hard copy workbook to assist students in considering, selecting, and navigating the paths available after secondary education in:

(1) the skilled labor workforce, including certification programs;

(2) a public junior college, including the opportunities available after completion of a junior college program;

(3) a senior college or university; and

(4) any other available programs.

(c) A school district participating in the program may

1 provide information to students in grades 8 through 12.

2 (d) A school district may not require a student to  
3 participate in the program.

4 (e) The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to  
5 implement this section.

6 (f) This section expires September 1, 2015.

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