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H.B. No. 3028

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the use of the skills development fund to support
3 certain joint credit courses offered by school districts under
4 agreements with public junior colleges.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 303.003, Labor Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

8 (b-1) In addition to the purposes described by Subsection
9 (b), money from the skills development fund may be awarded to a
10 public junior college to be used under an agreement with a school
11 district to support courses offered for joint high school and
12 public junior college credit or offered under a college credit
13 career or technical education program that leads to an
14 industry-recognized license, credential, or certificate.
15 Appropriate uses of money awarded under this subsection include
16 purchasing or repairing necessary equipment for a course and
17 developing a course curriculum. A course or program supported
18 under this subsection must have the endorsement of, or a letter of
19 support from, at least one employer in this state.

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