

1-1 By: J. Davis of Harris (Senate Sponsor - Birdwell) H.B. No. 3028  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;  
 1-3 May 8, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Economic  
 1-4 Development; May 16, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0;  
 1-6 May 16, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10			X	
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14			X	
1-15	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3028 By: Birdwell

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the use of the skills development fund and other funds  
 1-20 available to the Texas Workforce Commission to support certain  
 1-21 joint credit courses offered by school districts under agreements  
 1-22 with lower-division institutions of higher education.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 303.003, Labor Code, is amended by  
 1-25 adding Subsections (b-2) and (i) to read as follows:

1-26 (b-2) In addition to the purposes described by Subsections  
 1-27 (b) and (b-1), in each state fiscal biennium, an amount of money  
 1-28 from the skills development fund not to exceed five percent of the  
 1-29 amount of general revenue appropriated to the skills development  
 1-30 fund for that biennium may be used as provided by this subsection.  
 1-31 Funds available to the commission from other sources may also be  
 1-32 used as provided by this subsection. Funds may be awarded under  
 1-33 this subsection to a lower-division institution of higher education  
 1-34 to be used under an agreement with a school district to support  
 1-35 courses offered for joint high school and college-level credit or  
 1-36 offered under a college credit career or technical education  
 1-37 program that leads to an industry-recognized license, credential,  
 1-38 or certificate. Appropriate uses of funds awarded under this  
 1-39 subsection include purchasing or repairing necessary equipment for  
 1-40 a course and developing a course curriculum. A course or program  
 1-41 supported under this subsection must:

1-42 (1) have the endorsement of, or a letter of support  
 1-43 from, at least one employer in this state; and

1-44 (2) be targeted to address the needs of high-demand  
 1-45 fields or occupations, as identified by the applicable local  
 1-46 workforce development board.

1-47 (i) In this section, "lower-division institution of higher  
 1-48 education" means a public junior college, public state college, or  
 1-49 public technical institute.

1-50 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-51 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-52 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-53 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-54 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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