

1-1 By: Lucio, Seliger S.B. No. 1557  
 1-2 Van de Putte  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2013; March 19, 2013, read  
 1-4 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 18, 2013,  
 1-5 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the  
 1-6 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 18, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1557 By: Lucio

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to business and nonprofit organization participation in  
 1-22 supporting early college high schools.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 29.908, Education Code, is amended by  
 1-25 amending Subsections (c) and (d) and adding Subsections (e), (f),  
 1-26 and (g) to read as follows:

1-27 (c) A student participating in the program is entitled to  
 1-28 the benefits of the Foundation School Program in proportion to the  
 1-29 amount of time spent by the student on high school courses, in  
 1-30 accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner, while completing  
 1-31 the course of study established by the applicable articulation  
 1-32 agreement under Subsection (b)(3).

1-33 (d) The commissioner may accept gifts, grants, and  
 1-34 donations from any source, including private and nonprofit  
 1-35 organizations. Private and nonprofit organizations that  
 1-36 contribute to the fund shall receive an award under Section 7.113[  
 1-37 to pay any costs of the program not covered by the student's  
 1-38 Foundation School Program benefits].

1-39 (e) The commissioner shall collaborate with the Texas  
 1-40 Workforce Commission and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating  
 1-41 Board to develop and implement a strategic plan to enhance private  
 1-42 industry participation under this section. The plan must include:

1-43 (1) strategies to increase private industry  
 1-44 participation; and

1-45 (2) incentives for businesses and nonprofit  
 1-46 organizations that choose to make donations and work with high  
 1-47 schools that participate in a program under this section to  
 1-48 maximize job placement opportunities for program graduates.

1-49 (f) Not later than December 1, 2014, the commissioner shall  
 1-50 provide a report that summarizes the strategic plan developed under  
 1-51 Subsection (e) to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house  
 1-52 of representatives, the governor, the Texas Workforce Commission,  
 1-53 and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The Texas  
 1-54 Education Agency, the Texas Workforce Commission, and the Texas  
 1-55 Higher Education Coordinating Board shall each make the report  
 1-56 available on the respective agency's Internet website.

1-57 (g) ~~(d)~~ The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to  
 1-58 administer the program. The rules may provide for giving  
 1-59 preference in receiving program benefits to a student who is in the  
 1-60 first generation of the student's family to attend college and may  
 1-61 establish other distinctions or criteria based on student need.

2-1 The commissioner shall consult the Texas Higher Education  
2-2 Coordinating Board in administering the program. The Texas Higher  
2-3 Education Coordinating Board may adopt rules as necessary to  
2-4 exercise its powers and duties under this section. The P-16 Council  
2-5 may make recommendations, including recommendations for rules,  
2-6 concerning administration of the program.  
2-7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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