

**House Bill 3028**  
Senate Amendments  
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

SECTION 1. Section 303.003, Labor Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-2) to read as follows:

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

- (1) have the endorsement of, or a letter of support from, at least one employer in this state; and
- (2) be targeted to address the needs of high-demand fields or occupations, as identified by the applicable local workforce development board.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If

SENATE VERSION (CS)

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

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

- (1) have the endorsement of, or a letter of support from, at least one employer in this state; and
- (2) be targeted to address the needs of high-demand fields or occupations, as identified by the applicable local workforce development board.

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

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

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this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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