BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law limits the number of courses in which a high school student may enroll at a public junior college for dual credit if the junior college does not have a service area that includes the student's high school. The commissioner of education can exempt students from this limitation but according to interested parties, the process is lengthy and not well-known. The parties suggest that removing the service area requirement is commonsense solution that will increase dual credit hours and save students travel time and gas money. H.B. 2812 seeks to implement this solution.

H.B. 2812 amends current law relating to the limit on junior college courses that a high school student may enroll in for dual credit.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Repealer: Section 130.008(f) (prohibiting a student from enrolling in more than three courses under this section at a junior college if the junior college does not have a service area that includes the student's high school), Education Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2015.