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H.B. No. 726

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to outreach materials to foster awareness of recent public school curriculum changes.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.015 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.015. PUBLIC OUTREACH MATERIALS TO PROMOTE CURRICULUM CHANGE AWARENESS. (a) The agency shall develop uniform public outreach materials that explain the importance and outline the details of public school curriculum changes under Chapter 211 (H.B. 5), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, and subsequent associated decisions by the State Board of Education. The agency shall make the materials available to school districts.

(b) The materials developed under this section must:

(1) be available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese;

(2) be in a form that would allow school districts to mail the information to students and parents; and

(3) include an explanation of:

(A) the basic career and college-readiness components of each endorsement under Section 28.025(c-1);

(B) the curriculum requirements to gain automatic college admission under Section 51.803; and

(C) applicable course, graduation plan, and endorsement requirements for financial aid authorized under Title

1 3, including curriculum requirements for:

2 (i) the TEXAS grant as provided under
3 Subchapter M, Chapter 56;

4 (ii) the Texas Educational Opportunity
5 Grant Program as provided under Subchapter P, Chapter 56; and

6 (iii) the Texas B-On-time loan program as
7 provided under Subchapter Q, Chapter 56.

8 (c) This section expires September 1, 2018.

9 SECTION 2. The Texas Education Agency shall develop the
10 materials described under Section 28.015, Education Code, as added
11 by this Act, no later than December 1, 2015.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.