

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the inclusion of mental health in the public services
3 endorsement on a public school diploma and in information about
4 health science career pathways.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 28.02122 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 28.02122. INCLUSION OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS IN
9 HEALTH SCIENCE CAREER INFORMATION. The agency shall ensure that
10 any information provided to students relating to health science
11 careers includes information regarding mental health professions.
12 To the extent that the public services endorsement includes
13 information on health science career pathways, the information must
14 include mental health careers as a possible pathway.

15 SECTION 2. Section 28.025(c-1), Education Code, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 (c-1) A student may earn an endorsement on the student's
18 diploma and transcript by successfully completing curriculum
19 requirements for that endorsement adopted by the State Board of
20 Education by rule. The State Board of Education by rule shall
21 provide students with multiple options for earning each
22 endorsement, including, to the greatest extent possible, coherent
23 sequences of courses. The State Board of Education by rule must
24 permit a student to enroll in courses under more than one

1 endorsement curriculum before the student's junior year. An
2 endorsement under this subsection may be earned in any of the
3 following categories:

4 (1) science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
5 (STEM), which includes courses directly related to science,
6 including environmental science, technology, including computer
7 science, engineering, and advanced mathematics;

8 (2) business and industry, which includes courses
9 directly related to database management, information technology,
10 communications, accounting, finance, marketing, graphic design,
11 architecture, construction, welding, logistics, automotive
12 technology, agricultural science, and heating, ventilation, and
13 air conditioning;

14 (3) public services, which includes courses directly
15 related to health sciences and occupations, mental health,
16 education and training, law enforcement, and culinary arts and
17 hospitality;

18 (4) arts and humanities, which includes courses
19 directly related to political science, world languages, cultural
20 studies, English literature, history, and fine arts; and

21 (5) multidisciplinary studies, which allows a student
22 to:

23 (A) select courses from the curriculum of each
24 endorsement area described by Subdivisions (1) through (4); and

25 (B) earn credits in a variety of advanced courses
26 from multiple content areas sufficient to complete the
27 distinguished level of achievement under the foundation high school

1 program.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1430 was passed by the House on April 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1430 was passed by the Senate on May 13, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor