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H.B. No. 3700

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to the establishment of a pilot program in certain school
3 districts to develop computer science education and professional
4 development opportunities.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 28.018 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 28.018. COMPUTER SCIENCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM.

9 (a) The commissioner by rule shall develop and implement a pilot
10 program under which:

11 (1) students in participating school districts may
12 comply with the curriculum requirements for the third mathematics
13 credit under Section 28.025(b-1)(2) or the third science credit
14 under Section 28.025 (b-1)(3) by successfully completing an
15 advanced computer science course;

16 (2) participating school districts implement rigorous
17 standards, as developed by the commissioner, for computer science
18 courses that are focused on the creation and use of software and
19 computing technologies; and

20 (3) classroom teachers employed by participating
21 school districts have increased opportunities to become certified
22 as computer science teachers.

23 (b) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to
24 administer this section.

1 (c) This section expires July 1, 2020.

2 SECTION 2. The commissioner of education shall establish
3 the pilot program under Section 28.018, Education Code, as added by
4 this Act, not later than September 1, 2015.

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