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S.B. No. 13

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 13:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to measures to support public school student academic
3 achievement and high school, college, and career preparation,
4 including measures to improve and support dual credit courses, the
5 development of public outreach materials, and the development of
6 postsecondary education and career counseling academies.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 28.009(b), Education Code, is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (b) The agency shall coordinate with the Texas Higher
11 Education Coordinating Board as necessary in administering this
12 section. The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary concerning
13 the duties under this section of a school district. The Texas
14 Higher Education Coordinating Board may adopt rules as necessary
15 concerning the duties under this section of a public institution of
16 higher education. A rule may not limit the number of dual credit
17 courses or hours in which a student may enroll while in high school
18 or limit the number of dual credit courses or hours in which a
19 student may enroll each semester or academic year.

20 SECTION 2. (a) Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code,
21 is amended by adding Section 28.015 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 28.015. PUBLIC OUTREACH MATERIALS TO PROMOTE
23 CURRICULUM CHANGE AWARENESS. (a) The agency shall develop uniform
24 public outreach materials that explain the importance and outline

1 the details of public school curriculum changes under Chapter 211
2 (H.B. 5), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, and
3 subsequent associated decisions by the State Board of Education.
4 The agency shall make the materials available to school districts.

5 (b) The materials developed under this section must:

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

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

9 (3) include an explanation of:

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

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

14 (C) applicable course, graduation plan, and
15 endorsement requirements for financial aid authorized under Title
16 3, including curriculum requirements for:

17 (i) the TEXAS grant as provided under
18 Subchapter M, Chapter 56;

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

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

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

24 (b) The Texas Education Agency shall develop the materials
25 described under Section 28.015, Education Code, as added by this
26 section, no later than December 1, 2015.

27 SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is

1 amended by adding Section 28.016 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 28.016. INSTRUCTION IN HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND
3 CAREER PREPARATION. (a) Each school district shall provide
4 instruction to students in grade seven or eight in preparing for
5 high school, college, and a career.

6 (b) The instruction must include information regarding:

7 (1) the creation of a high school personal graduation
8 plan under Section 28.02121;

9 (2) the distinguished level of achievement described
10 by Section 28.025(b-15);

11 (3) each endorsement described by Section
12 28.025(c-1);

13 (4) college readiness standards; and

14 (5) potential career choices and the education needed
15 to enter those careers.

16 (c) A school district may:

17 (1) provide the instruction as part of an existing
18 course in the required curriculum;

19 (2) provide the instruction as part of an existing
20 career and technology course designated by the State Board of
21 Education as appropriate for that purpose; or

22 (3) establish a new elective course through which to
23 provide the instruction.

24 (d) Each school district shall ensure that at least once in
25 grade seven or eight each student receives the instruction under
26 this section.

27 SECTION 4. Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Education Code, is

1 amended by adding Section 33.009 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 33.009. POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND CAREER COUNSELING
3 ACADEMIES. (a) In this section, "center" means the Center for
4 Teaching and Learning at The University of Texas at Austin.

5 (b) The center shall develop and make available
6 postsecondary education and career counseling academies for school
7 counselors and other postsecondary advisors employed by a school
8 district at a middle school, junior high school, or high school.

9 (c) In developing academies under this section, the center
10 shall solicit input from the agency, school counselors, the Texas
11 Workforce Commission, institutions of higher education, and
12 business, community, and school leaders.

13 (d) An academy developed under this section must provide
14 counselors and other postsecondary advisors with knowledge and
15 skills to provide counseling to students regarding postsecondary
16 success and productive career planning and must include information
17 relating to:

18 (1) each endorsement described by Section
19 28.025(c-1), including:

20 (A) the course requirements for each
21 endorsement; and

22 (B) the postsecondary educational and career
23 opportunities associated with each endorsement;

24 (2) available methods for a student to earn credit for
25 a course not offered at the school in which the student is enrolled,
26 including enrollment in an electronic course provided through the
27 state virtual school network under Chapter 30A;

1 (3) general academic performance requirements for
2 admission to an institution of higher education, including the
3 requirements for automatic admission to a general academic teaching
4 institution under Section 51.803;

5 (4) regional workforce needs, including information
6 about the required education and the average wage or salary for
7 careers that meet those workforce needs; and

8 (5) effective strategies for engaging students and
9 parents in planning for postsecondary education and potential
10 careers, including participation in mentorships and business
11 partnerships.

12 (e) The center shall develop an online instructional
13 program that school districts may use in providing the instruction
14 in high school, college, and career preparation required by Section
15 28.016. The program must be structured for use as part of an
16 existing course.

17 (f) The center may access the P-20/Workforce Data
18 Repository established under Section 1.005(j-1) in developing
19 training, instructional programs, and technological tools under
20 this section and conducting related evaluations. The center may be
21 provided access to the data repository through collaboration with
22 the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or a center for
23 education research established under Section 1.005. The agency and
24 the coordinating board may not condition the center's access to the
25 data repository on agency or board review of the proposed training,
26 instructional programs, technological tools, or related
27 evaluations developed by the center.

1 (g) A teacher of a course described by Section 28.016(c)(2)
2 or (3) may attend an academy developed under this section.

3 (h) From funds appropriated for that purpose, a school
4 counselor who attends the academy under this section is entitled to
5 receive a stipend in the amount determined by the center. If funds
6 are available after all eligible school counselors have received a
7 stipend under this subsection, the center shall pay a stipend in the
8 amount determined by the center to a teacher who attends the academy
9 under this section. A stipend received under this subsection is not
10 considered in determining whether a district is paying the school
11 counselor or teacher the minimum monthly salary under Section
12 [21.402](#).

13 (i) From available funds appropriated for purposes of this
14 section, the center may provide to school counselors and other
15 educators curricula, instructional materials, and technological
16 tools relating to postsecondary education and career counseling.

17 (j) The center shall comply with any applicable provision of
18 the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C.
19 Section 1232g) in performing its duties or exercising its authority
20 under this section.

21 SECTION 5. Section [130.008](#), Education Code, is amended by
22 adding Subsections (g) and (h) to read as follows:

23 (g) A course offered for joint high school and junior
24 college credit under this section must be taught by a qualified
25 instructor approved or selected by the public junior college. For
26 purposes of this subsection, an instructor is qualified if the
27 instructor holds:

1 (1) a doctoral or master's degree in the discipline
2 that is the subject of the course; or

3 (2) a master's degree in another discipline with a
4 concentration that required completion of a minimum of 18 graduate
5 semester hours in the discipline that is the subject of the course.

6 (h) Not later than the 60th day after receipt, a public
7 junior college shall approve or reject an application for approval
8 to teach a course at a high school that is submitted by an
9 instructor employed by the school district, organization, or other
10 person that operates the high school with which the junior college
11 entered into an agreement under this section to offer the course.

12 SECTION 6. Section 303.003(b-2), Labor Code, is amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (b-2) In addition to the purposes described by Subsections
15 (b) and (b-1), in each state fiscal biennium, an amount of money
16 from the skills development fund not to exceed five percent of the
17 amount of general revenue appropriated to the skills development
18 fund for that biennium may be used as provided by this subsection.
19 Funds available to the commission from other sources may also be
20 used as provided by this subsection. Funds may be awarded under
21 this subsection to a lower-division institution of higher education
22 to be used under an agreement with a school district, or to a school
23 district to be used under an agreement with a lower-division
24 institution of higher education, to support courses offered for
25 joint high school and college-level credit or offered under a
26 college credit career or technical education program that leads to
27 an industry-recognized license, credential, or certificate.

1 Appropriate uses of funds awarded under this subsection include
2 purchasing or repairing necessary equipment for a course and
3 developing a course curriculum. A course or program supported
4 under this subsection must:

5 (1) have the endorsement of, or a letter of support
6 from, at least one employer in this state; and

7 (2) be targeted to address the needs of high-demand
8 fields or occupations, as identified by the applicable local
9 workforce development board.

10 SECTION 7. Section 28.016, Education Code, as added by this
11 Act, applies beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

12 SECTION 8. 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.