

1-1 By: Perry, et al. S.B. No. 13
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2015; March 3, 2015, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; March 23, 2015,
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; March 23, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 13 By: Campbell

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to measures to support public school student academic
1-23 achievement and career preparation, including measures to improve
1-24 and support dual credit courses and the development of public
1-25 outreach materials.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Section 28.009(b), Education Code, is amended to
1-28 read as follows:

1-29 (b) The agency shall coordinate with the Texas Higher
1-30 Education Coordinating Board as necessary in administering this
1-31 section. The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary concerning
1-32 the duties under this section of a school district. The Texas
1-33 Higher Education Coordinating Board may adopt rules as necessary
1-34 concerning the duties under this section of a public institution of
1-35 higher education. A rule may not limit the number of dual credit
1-36 courses or hours in which a student may enroll while in high school
1-37 or limit the number of dual credit courses or hours in which a
1-38 student may enroll each semester or academic year.

1-39 SECTION 2. (a) Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code,
1-40 is amended by adding Section 28.015 to read as follows:

1-41 Sec. 28.015. PUBLIC OUTREACH MATERIALS TO PROMOTE
1-42 CURRICULUM CHANGE AWARENESS. (a) The agency shall develop uniform
1-43 public outreach materials that explain the importance and outline
1-44 the details of public school curriculum changes under Chapter 211
1-45 (H.B. 5), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, and
1-46 subsequent associated decisions by the State Board of Education.
1-47 The agency shall make the materials available to school districts.

1-48 (b) The materials developed under this section must:

1-49 (1) be available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese;

1-50 (2) be in a form that would allow school districts to
1-51 mail the information to students and parents; and

1-52 (3) include an explanation of:

1-53 (A) the basic career and college readiness
1-54 components of each endorsement under Section 28.025(c-1);

1-55 (B) the curriculum requirements to gain
1-56 automatic college admission under Section 51.803; and

1-57 (C) applicable course, graduation plan, and
1-58 endorsement requirements for financial aid authorized under Title
1-59 3, including curriculum requirements for:

1-60 (i) the TEXAS grant as provided under

2-1 Subchapter M, Chapter 56;
 2-2 (ii) the Texas Educational Opportunity
 2-3 Grant Program as provided under Subchapter P, Chapter 56; and
 2-4 (iii) the Texas B-On-time loan program as
 2-5 provided under Subchapter Q, Chapter 56.

2-6 (c) This section expires September 1, 2018.
 2-7 (b) The Texas Education Agency shall develop the materials
 2-8 described under Section 28.015, Education Code, as added by this
 2-9 section, no later than December 1, 2015.

2-10 SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
 2-11 amended by adding Section 28.016 to read as follows:

2-12 Sec. 28.016. INSTRUCTION IN HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND
 2-13 CAREER PREPARATION. (a) Each school district shall provide
 2-14 instruction to students in grades seven or eight in preparing for
 2-15 high school, college, and a career.

2-16 (b) The instruction must include information regarding:

2-17 (1) the creation of a high school personal graduation
 2-18 plan under Section 28.02121;

2-19 (2) the distinguished level of achievement described
 2-20 by Section 28.025(b-15);

2-21 (3) each endorsement described by Section
 2-22 28.025(c-1);

2-23 (4) college readiness standards; and

2-24 (5) potential career choices and the education needed
 2-25 to enter those careers.

2-26 (c) A school district may provide the instruction as a part
 2-27 of any existing course or may establish a new course through which
 2-28 to provide the instruction.

2-29 SECTION 4. Section 130.008, Education Code, is amended by
 2-30 adding Subsections (g) and (h) to read as follows:

2-31 (g) A course offered for joint high school and junior
 2-32 college credit under this section must be taught by a qualified
 2-33 instructor approved or selected by the public junior college. For
 2-34 purposes of this subsection, an instructor is qualified if the
 2-35 instructor holds:

2-36 (1) a doctoral or master's degree in the discipline
 2-37 that is the subject of the course; or

2-38 (2) a master's degree in another discipline with a
 2-39 concentration that required completion of a minimum of 18 graduate
 2-40 semester hours in the discipline that is the subject of the course.

2-41 (h) Not later than the 60th day after receipt, a public
 2-42 junior college shall approve or reject an application for approval
 2-43 to teach a course at a high school that is submitted by an
 2-44 instructor employed by the school district, organization, or other
 2-45 person that operates the high school with which the junior college
 2-46 entered into an agreement under this section to offer the course.

2-47 SECTION 5. Section 303.003(b-2), Labor Code, is amended to
 2-48 read as follows:

2-49 (b-2) In addition to the purposes described by Subsections
 2-50 (b) and (b-1), in each state fiscal biennium, an amount of money
 2-51 from the skills development fund not to exceed five percent of the
 2-52 amount of general revenue appropriated to the skills development
 2-53 fund for that biennium may be used as provided by this
 2-54 subsection. Funds available to the commission from other sources
 2-55 may also be used as provided by this subsection. Funds may be
 2-56 awarded under this subsection to a lower-division institution of
 2-57 higher education to be used under an agreement with a school
 2-58 district, or to a school district to be used under an agreement with
 2-59 a lower-division institution of higher education, to support
 2-60 courses offered for joint high school and college-level credit or
 2-61 offered under a college credit career or technical education
 2-62 program that leads to an industry-recognized license, credential,
 2-63 or certificate. Appropriate uses of funds awarded under this
 2-64 subsection include purchasing or repairing necessary equipment for
 2-65 a course and developing a course curriculum. A course or program
 2-66 supported under this subsection must:

2-67 (1) have the endorsement of, or a letter of support
 2-68 from, at least one employer in this state; and

2-69 (2) be targeted to address the needs of high-demand

3-1 fields or occupations, as identified by the applicable local
3-2 workforce development board.

3-3 SECTION 6. Section 28.016, Education Code, as added by this
3-4 Act, applies beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

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

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