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S.B. No. 1004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to courses and programs offered jointly by certain public junior colleges and independent school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.402, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) A public junior college with a service area located wholly or partly in a county with a population of more than three million or in a county adjacent to a county with a population of more than three million may enter into an articulation agreement described by Subsection (a) with any school district located wholly or partly in a county with a population of more than three million.

SECTION 2. Section 130.008, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) A public junior college with a service area located wholly or partly in a county with a population of more than three million or in a county adjacent to a county with a population of more than three million shall enter into an agreement with each school district located wholly or partly in a county with a population of more than three million to offer one or more courses as provided by this section. A student enrolled in a school district to which this subsection applies may enroll in a course at any junior college that has entered into an agreement with the district to offer the course under this subsection. Subsection (f)

1 does not apply to a student who seeks to enroll in a course under  
2 this subsection.

3 SECTION 3. Section 130.086, Education Code, is amended by  
4 adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

5 (d-1) Subsection (d) does not apply to a course offered by a  
6 public junior college with a service area located wholly or partly  
7 in a county with a population of more than three million or in a  
8 county adjacent to a county with a population of more than three  
9 million for high school students enrolled in a school district  
10 located wholly or partly in a county with a population of more than  
11 three million.

12 SECTION 4. Section 130.090, Education Code, is amended by  
13 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

14 (a-1) The governing board of a junior college district  
15 located wholly or partly in a county with a population of more than  
16 three million or in a county adjacent to a county with a population  
17 of more than three million may contract to provide remedial  
18 programs under Subsection (a) with the governing board of any  
19 independent school district located wholly or partly in a county  
20 with a population of more than three million.

21 SECTION 5. Section 130.008(g), Education Code, as added by  
22 this Act, applies beginning with the 2016 spring semester.

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