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S.B. No. 1004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to courses and programs offered jointly by certain public
3 junior colleges and independent school districts.

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

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

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

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

15 (g) A public junior college with a service area located
16 wholly or partly in a county with a population of more than three
17 million or in a county adjacent to a county with a population of
18 more than three million shall enter into an agreement with each
19 school district located wholly or partly in a county with a
20 population of more than three million to offer one or more courses
21 as provided by this section. A student enrolled in a school
22 district to which this subsection applies may enroll in a course at
23 any junior college that has entered into an agreement with the
24 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.