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H.B. No. 136

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to inclusion of career and technology education and  
3 workforce training in the mission of public education.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 4.001(b), Education Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (b) The objectives of public education are:

8 OBJECTIVE 1: Parents will be full partners with educators  
9 in the education of their children.

10 OBJECTIVE 2: Students will be encouraged and challenged to  
11 meet their full educational potential.

12 OBJECTIVE 3: Through enhanced dropout prevention efforts,  
13 all students will remain in school until they obtain a high school  
14 diploma.

15 OBJECTIVE 4: A well-balanced and appropriate curriculum  
16 will be provided to all students. Through that curriculum,  
17 students will be prepared to succeed in a variety of postsecondary  
18 activities, including employment, workforce training, and  
19 enrollment in institutions of higher education.

20 OBJECTIVE 5: Educators will prepare students to be  
21 thoughtful, active citizens who have an appreciation for the basic  
22 values of our state and national heritage and who can understand and  
23 productively function in a free enterprise society.

24 OBJECTIVE 6: Qualified and highly effective personnel will

1 be recruited, developed, and retained.

2           OBJECTIVE 7: The state's students will demonstrate  
3 exemplary performance in comparison to national and international  
4 standards.

5           OBJECTIVE 8: School campuses will maintain a safe and  
6 disciplined environment conducive to student learning.

7           OBJECTIVE 9: Educators will keep abreast of the development  
8 of creative and innovative techniques in instruction and  
9 administration using those techniques as appropriate to improve  
10 student learning.

11           OBJECTIVE 10: Technology will be implemented and used to  
12 increase the effectiveness of student learning, instructional  
13 management, staff development, and administration.

14           OBJECTIVE 11: The State Board of Education, the agency, and  
15 the commissioner shall assist school districts and charter schools  
16 in providing career and technology education and effective  
17 workforce training opportunities to students.

18           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.