

AN ACT

relating to inclusion of career and technology education in the mission of public education.

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

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

(b) The objectives of public education are:

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

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

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

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

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

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 to students.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 136 was passed by the House on May 3, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 136 on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 136 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 24, Nays 6.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor