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H.B. No. 4085

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain courses or activities approved by the board of trustees of a school district for course credit.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 28.002(g-1) and (g-2), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(g-1) A district may also offer a course or other activity, including an apprenticeship or training hours needed to obtain an industry-recognized credential or certificate, that is approved by the board of trustees for credit without obtaining State Board of Education approval if:

(1) the district:

(A) develops a program under which the district partners with a public or private institution of higher education and local business, labor, and community leaders to develop and provide the courses; or

(B) adopts a program under which the district partners with a local economic development corporation and local businesses to develop and provide the courses; and

(2) the course or other activity allows students to enter:

(A) a career or technology training program in the district's region of the state;

(B) an institution of higher education without

1 remediation;

2 (C) an apprenticeship training program; or

3 (D) an internship required as part of
4 accreditation toward an industry-recognized credential or
5 certificate for course credit.

6 (g-2) Each school district shall annually report to the
7 agency the names of any [~~the~~] courses, programs, institutions of
8 higher education, or [~~and~~] internships in which the district's
9 students have enrolled under Subsection (g-1). The agency shall
10 make available information provided under this subsection to other
11 districts.

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