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S.B. No. 1091

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to limitations on courses that may be offered for dual credit by school districts and public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.009, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-4) and (a-5) to read as follows:

(a-4) A dual credit course offered under this section must be:

(1) in the core curriculum of the public institution of higher education providing college credit;

(2) a career and technical education course; or

(3) a foreign language course.

(a-5) Subsection (a-4) does not apply to a dual credit course offered as part of the early college education program established under Section 29.908.

SECTION 2. Section 51.968, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsections (d) and (d-1) to read as follows:

(b) Each institution of higher education that offers freshman-level courses shall adopt and implement a policy to grant undergraduate course credit to entering freshman students who have:

(1) successfully completed the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program;

1 (2) [~~7~~ who have] achieved required scores on one or
2 more examinations in the Advanced Placement Program or the
3 College-Level Examination Program; [7] or

4 (3) [~~who have~~] successfully completed one or more
5 dual credit courses [~~offered through concurrent enrollment in high~~
6 ~~school and at an institution of higher education~~].

7 (c) In the policy, the institution shall:

8 (1) establish the institution's conditions for
9 granting course credit, including the minimum required scores on
10 CLEP examinations, Advanced Placement examinations, and
11 examinations for courses constituting the International
12 Baccalaureate Diploma Program; and

13 (2) based on the correlations identified under
14 Subsection (f), identify the specific course credit or other
15 academic requirements of the institution, including the number of
16 semester credit hours or other course credit, that the institution
17 will grant to a student who:

18 (A) successfully completes the diploma program;

19 (B) achieves required scores on CLEP
20 examinations or Advanced Placement examinations; or

21 (C) [~~7~~ who] successfully completes a dual credit
22 course [~~through concurrent enrollment, or who achieves required~~
23 ~~scores on CLEP examinations or Advanced Placement examinations~~].

24 (d) The policy adopted by an institution of higher education
25 under Subsection (b) must provide that the institution may grant
26 undergraduate course credit for a dual credit course only if the
27 course is:

1 (1) in the core curriculum of the institution of
2 higher education that offered the course;

3 (2) a career and technical education course; or

4 (3) a foreign language course.

5 (d-1) Subsection (d) does not apply to a dual credit course
6 completed by a student as part of the early college education
7 program established under Section 29.908.

8 SECTION 3. Section 130.008, Education Code, is amended by
9 adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

10 (a-1) A course offered for joint high school and junior
11 college credit under this section must be:

12 (1) in the core curriculum of the public junior
13 college;

14 (2) a career and technical education course; or

15 (3) a foreign language course.

16 (a-2) Subsection (a-1) does not apply to a course offered
17 for joint high school and junior college credit to a student as part
18 of the early college education program established under Section
19 29.908.

20 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply
21 beginning with dual credit courses offered for the 2018 spring
22 semester.

23 SECTION 5. 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, 2017.