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S.B. No. 1091

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to limitations on courses that may be offered for dual  
3 credit by school districts and public institutions of higher  
4 education.

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

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

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

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

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

13 (3) a foreign language course.

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

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

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

23 (1) successfully completed the International  
24 Baccalaureate Diploma Program;

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