

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

It has been noted that open educational resources are increasingly available as a free or low-cost alternative to traditional curriculum materials. H.B. 3650 seeks to take advantage of this option by requiring an agreement to establish a dual credit program to include a requirement for the partner institutions to consider the use of such resources.

H.B. 3650 amends current law relating to an agreement between a school district and public institution of higher education to provide a dual credit program to high school students enrolled in the district.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 28.009(b-2), Education Code, as follows:

(b-2) Requires any agreement, including a memorandum of understanding or articulation agreement, between a school district and public institution of higher education to provide a dual credit program described by Subsection (b-1) (relating to certain statewide goals for dual credit programs developed by the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board), to meet certain criteria, including requiring the district and the institution to consider the use of free or low-cost open educational resources in courses offered under the program. Makes nonsubstantive changes. Redesignates existing Subdivision (6) as Subdivision (7).

SECTION 2. Makes application of Section 28.009(b-2), Education Code, as amended by this Act, prospective to September 1, 2019.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.