

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3650  
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Higher Education  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

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.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3650 amends the Education Code to require an agreement, including a memorandum of understanding or articulation agreement, between a public school district and a public institution of higher education for the provision of a dual credit program to require the district and the institution to consider the use of free or low-cost open educational resources in courses offered under the program. This requirement applies only to an agreement entered into or renewed on or after September 1, 2019.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.