By:  Bell of Montgomery, et al. H.B. No. 963

     (Senate Sponsor - Taylor)

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 2, 2019; May 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 15, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 15, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Taylor            X

Lucio                X

Bettencourt          X

Campbell             X

Fallon               X

Hall                 X

Hughes               X

Paxton               X

Powell               X

Watson               X

West                 X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 963 By:  Taylor

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a review by the State Board of Education of the essential knowledge and skills of the career and technology and technology applications curriculums.

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

SECTION 1.  Not later than March 1, 2020, the State Board of Education shall:

(1)  conduct a review of the essential knowledge and skills of the career and technology and technology applications curriculums; and

(2)  amend the board's rules in the Texas Administrative Code to consolidate the technology applications courses for grades 9 through 12 in 19 T.A.C. Chapter 126, Subchapter C, with the career and technical education courses in 19 T.A.C. Chapter 130, and eliminate duplicative courses while ensuring certifications are aligned with the rigor of each individual course.

SECTION 2.  The State Board of Education is required to implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the State Board of Education may, but is not required to, implement a provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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