By:  Bettencourt S.B. No. 251

(In the Senate - Filed December 18, 2018; February 7, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 8, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; April 8, 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

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to courses offered jointly by public junior colleges and independent school districts.

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

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

(g-1)  A public junior college with a service area located wholly or partly in a county with a population of more than three million shall enter into an agreement with each school district located wholly or partly in a county with a population of more than three million to offer one or more courses as provided by this section. [~~A student enrolled in a school district to which this subsection applies may enroll in a course at any junior college that has entered into an agreement with the district to offer the course under this subsection.~~]

(g-2)  A public junior college may enter into an agreement with any school district located in a county in which the service area of the junior college is wholly or partly located or in a county adjacent to a county in which the service area of the junior college is wholly or partly located to offer one or more courses as provided by this section.

(g-3)  A high school student enrolled in a school district may enroll in a course at any public junior college that has entered into an agreement with the district to offer the course under this section.

SECTION 2.  This Act applies beginning with the 2019 fall semester.

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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