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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study of costs associated with dual credit courses offered at public high schools.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.0091 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0091.  STUDY OF COSTS OF DUAL CREDIT COURSES. (a) The agency shall conduct a study to examine costs associated with dual credit courses offered at public high schools. In conducting the study, the agency shall:

(1)  collect data relating to costs associated with dual credit courses, including tuition and fees, from:

(A)  school districts;

(B)  the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board;

(C)  public junior and community colleges;

(D)  the Texas State Technical College System; and

(E)  general academic teaching institutions;

(2)  identify the sources of funding for dual credit courses and the amount funded by each source; and

(3)  determine the manner in which funds under Subdivision (2) are being used for dual credit courses.

(b)  Not later than September 1, 2020, the agency shall prepare a report detailing the results of the study under this section and submit the report to each standing legislative committee with primary jurisdiction over secondary and higher education.

(c)  This section expires September 1, 2021.

SECTION 2.  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.