By:  Creighton S.B. No. 2343

(In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2019; March 21, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education; April 24, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 24, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Creighton       X

West            X

Bettencourt     X

Buckingham      X

Flores          X

Menéndez        X

Powell          X

Taylor          X

Watson          X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to courses offered jointly by certain 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 Subsection (g-2) to read as follows:

(g-1)  A public junior college to which this subsection applies [~~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 in which the junior college district's service area is wholly or partly located [~~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)  Subsection (g-1) applies only to a public junior college in:

(1)  the Blinn College District;

(2)  the Houston Community College System District;

(3)  the Lee College District;

(4)  the Lone Star College System District; or

(5)  the San Jacinto College District.

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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