

By: Bell of Montgomery

H.B. No. 963

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the career and technology education and technology
3 applications allotment and the essential knowledge and skills of
4 the career and technology education and technology applications
5 curriculums.

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

7 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 42.154, Education Code,
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 42.154. CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY
10 APPLICATIONS ALLOTMENT.

11 SECTION 2. Sections 42.154(a), (c), and (e), Education
12 Code, are amended to read as follows:

13 (a) For each full-time equivalent student in average daily
14 attendance in an approved career and technology education program
15 or an approved technology applications course in grades nine
16 through 12 or in career and technology education programs for
17 students with disabilities in grades seven through 12, a district
18 is entitled to:

19 (1) an annual allotment equal to the adjusted basic
20 allotment multiplied by a weight of 1.35; and

21 (2) \$50, if the student is enrolled in:

22 (A) two or more advanced career and technology
23 education courses [~~classes~~] for a total of three or more credits; or

24 (B) two or more advanced technology applications

1 courses for a total of three or more credits.

2 (c) Funds allocated under this section, other than an
3 indirect cost allotment established under State Board of Education
4 rule, must be used in providing career and technology education
5 programs and technology applications courses in grades nine through
6 12 or career and technology education programs for students with
7 disabilities in grades seven through 12 under Sections 29.182,
8 29.183, and 29.184.

9 (e) Out of the total statewide allotment [~~for career and~~
10 ~~technology education~~] under this section, the commissioner shall
11 set aside an amount specified in the General Appropriations Act,
12 which may not exceed an amount equal to one percent of the total
13 amount appropriated, to support regional career and technology
14 education planning. After deducting the amount set aside under
15 this subsection from the total amount appropriated for career and
16 technology education and technology applications under this
17 section, the commissioner shall reduce each district's tier one
18 allotments in the same manner described for a reduction in
19 allotments under Section 42.253.

20 SECTION 3. Section 42.154(b)(2), Education Code, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 (2) "Full-time equivalent student" means 30 hours of
23 contact a week between a student and career and technology
24 education program or technology applications personnel.

25 SECTION 4. Section 42.101(a), Education Code, is amended to
26 read as follows:

27 (a) For each student in average daily attendance, not

1 including the time students spend each day in special education
2 programs in an instructional arrangement other than mainstream
3 programs, ~~or~~ career and technology education programs, or
4 technology applications courses, for which an additional allotment
5 is made under Subchapter C, a district is entitled to an allotment
6 equal to the lesser of \$4,765 or the amount that results from the
7 following formula:

$$A = \$4,765 \times (DCR/MCR)$$

8 where:

9 "A" is the allotment to which a district is entitled;

10 "DCR" is the district's compressed tax rate, which is the
11 product of the state compression percentage, as determined under
12 Section 42.2516, multiplied by the maintenance and operations tax
13 rate adopted by the district for the 2005 tax year; and

14 "MCR" is the state maximum compressed tax rate, which is the
15 product of the state compression percentage, as determined under
16 Section 42.2516, multiplied by \$1.50.

17 SECTION 5. Section 42.154(b)(1), Education Code, is
18 repealed.

19 SECTION 6. Not later than March 1, 2020, the State Board of
20 Education shall:

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

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

5 SECTION 7. This Act applies beginning with the 2020-2021
6 school year.

7 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.