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H.B. No. 2819

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a grant program for school districts to provide career  
3 and technology education courses in the summer and to a study on the  
4 grant program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 29, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Sections 29.194 and 29.1941 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 29.194. SUMMER CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION GRANT  
9 PROGRAM. (a) From funds appropriated or available for the purpose,  
10 the commissioner, in cooperation with an appropriate private  
11 entity, shall establish a grant program to provide funding to  
12 school districts for career and technology education courses  
13 offered during the summer.

14 (b) The commissioner may solicit and accept gifts,  
15 donations, or other contributions for the grant program established  
16 under this section.

17 (c) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to  
18 implement this section.

19 Sec. 29.1941. STUDY ON SUMMER CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY  
20 EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM. (a) From funds appropriated or available  
21 for the purpose, the commissioner, in cooperation with an  
22 appropriate private entity, shall conduct a study regarding the  
23 summer career and technology education grant program established  
24 under Section 29.194. The study must analyze:

1           (1) the success of the grant program;

2           (2) the feasibility of expanding the grant program,  
3 including by funding career and technology education courses  
4 offered during the summer through the Foundation School Program;

5           (3) the potential demand for career and technology  
6 education courses during the summer;

7           (4) any future funding needs for the grant program or  
8 for providing career and technology education courses during the  
9 summer; and

10           (5) any other matter the commissioner determines  
11 appropriate.

12           (b) Not later than December 1, 2020, the commissioner shall  
13 submit to the governor and the members of the legislature a report  
14 on the results of the study and any recommendations for legislative  
15 or other action.

16           (c) The commissioner may solicit and accept gifts,  
17 donations, or other contributions for the study and report under  
18 this section.

19           (d) This section expires September 1, 2021.

20           SECTION 2. Section 29.194, Education Code, as added by this  
21 Act, applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

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