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H.B. No. 3650

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to an agreement between a school district and public
3 institution of higher education to provide a dual credit program to
4 high school students enrolled in the district.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 28.009(b-2), Education Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (b-2) Any agreement, including a memorandum of
9 understanding or articulation agreement, between a school district
10 and public institution of higher education to provide a dual credit
11 program described by Subsection (b-1) must:

12 (1) include specific program goals aligned with the
13 statewide goals developed under Subsection (b-1);

14 (2) establish, or provide a procedure for
15 establishing, the course credits that may be earned under the
16 agreement, including by developing a course equivalency crosswalk
17 or other method for equating high school courses with college
18 courses and identifying the number of credits that may be earned for
19 each course completed through the program;

20 (3) describe the academic supports and, if applicable,
21 guidance that will be provided to students participating in the
22 program;

23 (4) establish the district's and the institution's
24 respective roles and responsibilities in providing the program and

1 ensuring the quality and instructional rigor of the program;

2 (5) state the sources of funding for courses offered
3 under the program, including, at a minimum, the sources of funding
4 for tuition, transportation, and any required fees or textbooks for
5 students participating in the program; ~~and~~

6 (6) require the district and the institution to
7 consider the use of free or low-cost open educational resources in
8 courses offered under the program; and

9 (7) be posted each year on the district's and the
10 institution's respective Internet websites.

11 SECTION 2. Section 28.009(b-2), Education Code, as amended
12 by this Act, applies only to an agreement to provide a dual credit
13 program entered into or renewed on or after September 1, 2019. An
14 agreement to provide a dual credit program entered into or renewed
15 before September 1, 2019, is governed by the law as it existed at
16 the time the agreement was entered into or renewed, and the former
17 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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