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S.B. No. 251

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to courses offered jointly by public junior colleges and
3 independent school districts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 130.008, Education Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (g-1) and adding Subsections (g-2) and (g-3) to
7 read as follows:

8 (g-1) A public junior college with a service area located
9 wholly or partly in a county with a population of more than three
10 million shall enter into an agreement with each school district
11 located wholly or partly in a county with a population of more than
12 three million to offer one or more courses as provided by this
13 section. [~~A student enrolled in a school district to which this
14 subsection applies may enroll in a course at any junior college that
15 has entered into an agreement with the district to offer the course
16 under this subsection.~~]

17 (g-2) A public junior college may enter into an agreement
18 with any school district located in a county in which the service
19 area of the junior college is wholly or partly located or in a
20 county adjacent to a county in which the service area of the junior
21 college is wholly or partly located to offer one or more courses as
22 provided by this section.

23 (g-3) A high school student enrolled in a school district
24 may enroll in a course at any public junior college that has entered

1 into an agreement with the district to offer the course under this
2 section.

3 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2019 fall
4 semester.

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