

1-1 By: Watson, Seliger S.B. No. 863
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 1-4 April 8, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; April 8, 2019,
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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Taylor	X			
1-9 Lucio	X			
1-10 Bettencourt	X			
1-11 Campbell	X			
1-12 Fallon	X			
1-13 Hall	X			
1-14 Hughes			X	
1-15 Paxton	X			
1-16 Powell	X			
1-17 Watson	X			
1-18 West	X			

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 863 By: Watson

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to a study of costs associated with dual credit courses
 1-24 offered at public high schools.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
 1-27 amended by adding Section 28.0091 to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 28.0091. STUDY OF COSTS OF DUAL CREDIT COURSES.

1-29 (a) The agency shall conduct an ongoing study to examine costs
 1-30 associated with dual credit courses offered at public high schools.
 1-31 In conducting the study, the agency shall:

1-32 (1) collect from school districts, public
 1-33 institutions of higher education, and the Texas Higher Education
 1-34 Coordinating Board data relating to costs associated with dual
 1-35 credit courses, including:

1-36 (A) tuition and required fees;

1-37 (B) the cost of required textbooks or other
 1-38 instructional materials;

1-39 (C) the cost of student transportation to and
 1-40 from the location at which a dual credit course is provided;

1-41 (D) any fee collected to pay the instructor of a
 1-42 dual credit course;

1-43 (E) the cost of any assessment instrument
 1-44 administered under Section 51.333 as a prerequisite for enrollment
 1-45 in a dual credit course;

1-46 (F) the cost of using a facility at which a dual
 1-47 credit course is provided; and

1-48 (G) any other associated costs identified during
 1-49 the study;

1-50 (2) identify the sources of funding for dual credit
 1-51 courses and the amount funded by each source; and

1-52 (3) consult with relevant stakeholders, including the
 1-53 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the American Institutes
 1-54 for Research, and the Texas Dual Credit Task Force.

1-55 (b) The agency may contract with any public or private
 1-56 entity to conduct the study under this section.

1-57 (c) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,
 1-58 the agency shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor,
 1-59 and the speaker of the house of representatives a report on the
 1-60 results of the study under this section. The report must include a

2-1 comparison of:
2-2 (1) costs associated with dual credit courses offered
2-3 at public high schools generally and costs associated with dual
2-4 credit courses offered through a college and career readiness
2-5 school program, including:
2-6 (A) an early college high school program;
2-7 (B) the Pathways in Technology Early College High
2-8 School (P-TECH) program established under Section 29.553;
2-9 (C) an Industry Cluster Innovative Academy; and
2-10 (D) a Texas Science, Technology, Engineering,
2-11 and Mathematics (T-STEM) Center; and
2-12 (2) the cost associated with dual credit courses per
2-13 semester credit hour or the equivalent and the total cost
2-14 associated with those courses.

2-15 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to
2-16 administer this section.

2-17 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2020, the Texas
2-18 Education Agency shall submit the initial report required under
2-19 Section 28.0091, Education Code, as added by this Act.

2-20 SECTION 3. The Texas Education Agency is required to
2-21 implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature
2-22 appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the
2-23 legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
2-24 purpose, the Texas Education Agency may, but is not required to,
2-25 implement a provision of this Act using other appropriations
2-26 available for that purpose.

2-27 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-28 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-29 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-30 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-31 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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