

1-1 By: Fallon S.B. No. 2042
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2019; March 21, 2019, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 16, 2019,
 1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; April 16, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Fallon	X			
1-12 Hall	X			
1-13 Hughes	X			
1-14 Paxton	X			
1-15 Powell	X			
1-16 Watson	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2042 By: Fallon

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to a study by the Texas Education Agency of career and
 1-23 technology education programs.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
 1-26 amended by adding Section 29.193 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 29.193. STUDY AND REPORT ON CREDENTIALS AND
 1-28 CERTIFICATES. (a) The agency shall conduct a study to:

1-29 (1) evaluate the industry-recognized credentials and
 1-30 certificates that are currently being offered to public high school
 1-31 students through career and technology education programs in each
 1-32 region of the state; and

1-33 (2) identify any unmet needs in career and technology
 1-34 education programs currently being offered to public high school
 1-35 students in each region of the state.

1-36 (b) The study must:

1-37 (1) for each region of the state:

1-38 (A) evaluate:

1-39 (i) the industry-recognized credentials or
 1-40 certificates currently being offered to public high school students
 1-41 through career and technology education programs in the region; and

1-42 (ii) the knowledge and skills necessary to
 1-43 meet workforce needs in the region; and

1-44 (B) identify:

1-45 (i) any gaps between the
 1-46 industry-recognized credentials or certificates identified under
 1-47 Paragraph (A)(i) and the knowledge and skills identified under
 1-48 Paragraph (A)(ii); and

1-49 (ii) any knowledge or skills that could be
 1-50 incorporated into career and technology education programs in the
 1-51 region to increase students' marketability in that region after
 1-52 graduation from high school; and

1-53 (2) for each currently offered industry-recognized
 1-54 credential or certificate, assess the economic impact of earning
 1-55 the credential or certificate in each region of the state,
 1-56 including:

1-57 (A) the average industry wage for a student who
 1-58 has earned the credential or certificate in each region; and

1-59 (B) the demand to employ a student in each region
 1-60 for the credential or certificate.

2-1 (c) Not later than September 1, 2021, the agency shall
2-2 submit to the commissioner a report that:

2-3 (1) identifies any currently offered
2-4 industry-recognized credential or certificate that does not
2-5 provide a sufficient positive economic impact in any region of the
2-6 state based on the assessment conducted under Subsection (b)(2);
2-7 and

2-8 (2) recommends the creation of industry-recognized
2-9 credentials or certificates for each region of the state to be
2-10 offered in a career and technology education program in that region
2-11 that will address unmet workforce needs and enhance student
2-12 competitiveness in the labor market.

2-13 (d) This section expires September 1, 2022.

2-14 SECTION 2. The Texas Education Agency is required to
2-15 implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature
2-16 appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the
2-17 legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
2-18 purpose, the Texas Education Agency may, but is not required to,
2-19 implement a provision of this Act using other appropriations
2-20 available for that purpose.

2-21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-25 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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