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S.B. No. 2074

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to authorizing school districts to reimburse under the
3 Foundation School Program private employers for paid internships
4 provided to certain students in career and technology education
5 programs in the district.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 29.1871 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 29.1871. CONTRACT TO REIMBURSE FOR PAID INTERNSHIP.

10 (a) To encourage private employers to participate with school
11 districts in providing career and technology education to assist
12 students in developing the knowledge, skills, and competencies
13 necessary for a broad range of career opportunities, a school
14 district may contract with a private employer to reimburse the
15 employer for all or part of the cost of providing a paid internship
16 or similar program to a student participating in a career and
17 technology education program in the district.

18 (b) A contract described by Subsection (a) must:

19 (1) require the private employer to provide to the
20 school district's student a paid internship or similar program that
21 primarily promotes a public purpose of the district relating to
22 career and technology education; and

23 (2) include provisions under which the school district
24 is granted sufficient control to ensure that the public purpose

1 under Subdivision (1) is accomplished and the district receives the
2 return benefit.

3 (c) In reimbursing a private employer under a contract under
4 Subsection (a), the school district may use funds allocated to the
5 district for career and technology education under Section 42.154.

6 SECTION 2. Section 42.154(c), Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (c) Funds allocated under this section, other than an
9 indirect cost allotment established under State Board of Education
10 rule, must be used:

11 (1) in providing career and technology education
12 programs in grades nine through 12 or career and technology
13 education programs for students with disabilities in grades seven
14 through 12 under Sections 29.182, 29.183, and 29.184; or

15 (2) to reimburse private employers for providing paid
16 internships or similar programs to students in career and
17 technology education programs as provided by Section 29.1871.

18 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020
19 school year.

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