By:  Gates (Senate Sponsor - Paxton) H.B. No. 4525

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 17, 2021; May 17, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 24, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 2; May 24, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Taylor            X

Lucio                          X

Bettencourt              X

Hall                 X

Hughes               X

Menéndez             X

Paxton               X

Perry                    X

Powell               X

Schwertner           X

West                           X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the approval of career and technology courses by the State Board of Education.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 28.002(o), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(o)  In approving career and technology courses, the State Board of Education must:

(1)  determine that at least 50 percent of the approved courses are cost-effective for a school district to implement; and

(2)  in scheduling or initiating a course review to provide updated and relevant course offerings, consider relevant economic and market conditions affecting the workforce of this state.

SECTION 2.  This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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