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H.B. No. 30

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to educational programs provided by the Windham School
3 District in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for certain
4 inmates.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 19, Education Code, is amended by adding
7 Section 19.0051 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 19.0051. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. (a) The Windham
9 School District shall develop and provide an educational program
10 that includes the curriculum requirements for a high school diploma
11 under Section 28.025 or a course of instruction that prepares the
12 person for the high school equivalency examination to each person
13 confined or imprisoned in the department who is not a high school
14 graduate and is:

15 (1) younger than 18 years of age; or
16 (2) eligible to receive special education services
17 under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, and younger than 22 years of age.

18 (b) In developing a person's educational program under
19 Subsection (a), the Windham School District shall consider:

20 (1) the duration of the person's confinement or
21 imprisonment;

22 (2) the person's current level of education;

23 (3) the person's educational goals and preference; and

24 (4) if applicable, recommendations of the person's

1 admission, review, and dismissal committee.

2 (c) The board may adopt rules as necessary to implement this
3 section.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.