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H.B. No. 2767

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on the equity gap in the accessibility of dual credit courses to public high school students.

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

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

Sec. 28.0091. STUDY ON EQUITY GAP IN DUAL CREDIT COURSES.

(a) In this section, "coordinating board" means the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(b) The agency, with assistance from the coordinating board, shall conduct a study on the accessibility of dual credit courses to educationally disadvantaged high school students enrolled at a school district in a rural area of the state and any resulting adverse impacts on the accessibility of higher education to those students.

(c) The study must examine:

(1) the types of dual credit courses for which an additional weight is given for purposes of computing a student's high school grade point average;

(2) the sources of funding for dual credit courses and the amount funded by each source, disaggregated by school district;

(3) the number of students who do not enroll in dual credit courses because of an inability to pay the costs associated with those courses, disaggregated by the peer group of the public

1 junior college district, as identified by the coordinating board,
2 within whose service area the students reside;

3 (4) the number of educationally disadvantaged
4 students who graduate in the top 10 percent of the students' high
5 school graduating class, disaggregated by the peer group of the
6 public junior college district, as identified by the coordinating
7 board, within whose service area the students reside; and

8 (5) any other factor deemed relevant by the agency.

9 (d) Not later than December 1, 2022, the agency, with the
10 assistance of the coordinating board, shall prepare and submit to
11 the legislature a report on the results of the study and any
12 recommendations for legislative or other action.

13 (e) This section expires September 1, 2023.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.