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H.B. No. 3204

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the methods to achieve a college, career, or military outcomes bonus under the Foundation School Program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 48.110, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (f) and (h) and adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(f) For purposes of this section, an annual graduate demonstrates:

(1) college readiness if the annual graduate:

(A) achieves college readiness standards used for accountability purposes under Chapter 39 on the ACT, the SAT, or an assessment instrument designated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under Section 51.334; and

(B) during a time period established by commissioner rule, enrolls at a postsecondary educational institution;

(2) career readiness if the annual graduate:

(A) both:

(i) achieves college readiness standards used for accountability purposes under Chapter 39 on the ACT, the SAT, or an assessment instrument designated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under Section 51.334; and

(ii) [~~(B)~~] during a time period established

1 by commissioner rule, earns an industry-accepted certificate; or  
2 (B) during a time period established by  
3 commissioner rule, is employed at or above a minimum salary level,  
4 as established by commissioner rule; and

5 (3) military readiness if the annual graduate:

6 (A) achieves a passing score set by the  
7 applicable military branch on the Armed Services Vocational  
8 Aptitude Battery; and

9 (B) during a time period established by  
10 commissioner rule, enlists in the armed forces of the United  
11 States.

12 (h) On application by a school district, the commissioner  
13 may allow annual graduates from the district to satisfy the  
14 requirement for demonstrating career readiness under Subsection  
15 (f)(2)(A)(ii) [~~(f)(2)(B)~~] by successfully completing a coherent  
16 sequence of courses required to obtain an industry-accepted  
17 certificate. The district must demonstrate in the application that  
18 the district is unable to provide sufficient courses or programs to  
19 enable students enrolled at the district to earn an  
20 industry-accepted certificate within the time period established  
21 by the commissioner under Subsection (f)(2)(A)(ii) [~~(f)(2)(B)~~].  
22 The commissioner by rule shall provide the criteria required for an  
23 application under this subsection.

24 (j) The commissioner shall adopt rules permitting a school  
25 district to award to an annual graduate who voluntarily reports the  
26 graduate's employment and salary information to the district a  
27 portion of the outcomes bonus to which the district is entitled for

1 an annual graduate demonstrating career readiness under Subsection  
2 (f)(2)(B).

3 SECTION 2. Section 48.1101(a), Education Code, is amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 (a) The agency shall conduct a study on alternative career  
6 readiness measures for small and rural school districts to  
7 determine if annual graduates demonstrate career readiness under  
8 Section 48.110(f)(2)(A)(ii) [~~48.110(f)(2)(B)~~].

9 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024  
10 school year.

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