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H.B. No. 3332

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study on the gap in student grade point averages
3 resulting from the accessibility of dual credit courses to public
4 high school students.

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

6 SECTION 1. (a) In this Act:

7 (1) "Agency" means the Texas Education Agency.

8 (2) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher
9 Education Coordinating Board.

10 (3) "Educationally disadvantaged" has the meaning
11 assigned by Section 5.001, Education Code.

12 (b) The agency, with assistance from the coordinating
13 board, shall conduct a study on the accessibility of dual credit
14 courses to educationally disadvantaged high school students
15 enrolled at school districts in rural and urban areas of the state
16 and any resulting adverse impacts on the grade point average of
17 those students.

18 (c) The study must examine:

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

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

24 (3) the number of students who do not enroll in dual

1 credit courses because of an inability to pay the costs associated
2 with or a lack of accessibility to those courses, disaggregated by
3 the peer group of the public junior college district, as identified
4 by the coordinating board, within whose service area the students
5 reside;

6 (4) the differences in student high school grade point
7 averages between students in rural areas and urban areas,
8 disaggregated by socioeconomic status; and

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

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

14 (e) This Act expires September 1, 2023.

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