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H.B. No. 4525

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;

(2) approve courses that are offered online or through an Internet portal maintained by the district or agency; and

(3) update the list of approved courses at least annually and as needed to provide current and relevant courses.

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.