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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to information on and requirements for certain courses and  
3 educational programs offered in public schools, including courses  
4 offered through the state virtual school network.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 26.0031(c-1), Education Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (c-1) A school district or open-enrollment charter school  
9 may decline to pay the cost for a student of more than three  
10 yearlong electronic courses, or the equivalent, during any school  
11 year. This subsection does not:

12 (1) limit the ability of the student to enroll in  
13 additional electronic courses at the student's cost; or

14 (2) apply to a student enrolled in:

15 (A) a full-time online program that was operating  
16 on January 1, 2013; or

17 (B) a district or school that has fewer than  
18 1,600 students in average daily attendance for the current school  
19 year.

20 SECTION 2. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by  
21 adding Subsection (c-4) to read as follows:

22 (c-4) The State Board of Education shall by rule require  
23 each district to make available to each eighth grade student in the  
24 district an Algebra I course. Notwithstanding Section 7.056(e),

1 the commissioner may grant a district a temporary waiver from the  
2 requirements of this subsection if necessary, as determined by the  
3 commissioner.

4 SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is  
5 amended by adding Section 28.0161 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 28.0161. NOTIFICATION REGARDING COURSE PATHWAYS AND  
7 CAREER CHOICES. Each school year, a school district shall provide  
8 to each district student entering grades 6 through 10 and the  
9 student's parent or guardian information regarding:

10 (1) the courses offered as part of the foundation  
11 curriculum adopted under Section 28.002(a)(1) and available at the  
12 campus attended by the student and at any high school campus that  
13 the student is expected to attend; and

14 (2) potential career choices and the curriculum  
15 requirements and courses needed to pursue those careers.

16 SECTION 4. Subchapter B, Chapter 28, Education Code, is  
17 amended by adding Section 28.028 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 28.028. POSTING OF ADVANCED COURSEWORK INFORMATION.

19 (a) Not later than September 1 of each year, the agency shall post  
20 information to the agency's Internet website on the number of  
21 students who, during the previous school year, were enrolled in or  
22 accepted into:

23 (1) an educational program for gifted and talented  
24 students under Subchapter D, Chapter 29;

25 (2) an Algebra I course as an eighth grade student;

26 (3) an Algebra II or precalculus course or other  
27 advanced mathematics course;

- 1           (4) an advanced placement course;
- 2           (5) an international baccalaureate course; or
- 3           (6) an OnRamps dual enrollment course or other dual
- 4 credit course.

5           (b) The information shall include the percentage of  
6 students who received a passing score in the course or who remained  
7 in the program, as applicable, and must be aggregated by campus,  
8 district, and grade level and disaggregated by student race, sex,  
9 ethnicity, grade level, and socioeconomic status.

10          (c) In posting information under this section, the agency  
11 must comply with all state and federal privacy laws applicable to  
12 student information.

13          SECTION 5. Section 30A.153(a-1), Education Code, is amended  
14 to read as follows:

15          (a-1) For purposes of Subsection (a), a school district or  
16 open-enrollment charter school is limited to the funding described  
17 by that subsection for a student's enrollment in not more than three  
18 electronic courses during any school year, unless:

19           (1) the student is enrolled in a full-time online  
20 program that was operating on January 1, 2013; or

21           (2) the district or school has fewer than 1,600  
22 students in average daily attendance for the current school year.

23          SECTION 6. Not later than January 1, 2022, the State Board  
24 of Education shall adopt rules necessary to implement the  
25 requirements of Section 28.002(c-4), Education Code, as added by  
26 this Act.

27          SECTION 7. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022

1 school year.

2           SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.