By:  Button, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 2575

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2023; April 24, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development; May 4, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 4, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Birdwell        X

Zaffirini       X

Alvarado        X

Blanco          X

Hancock         X

Hughes          X

Kolkhorst                 X

Miles           X

Sparks                    X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the workforce diploma pilot program.

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

SECTION 1.  Sections 317.004 and 317.010, Labor Code, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 317.004.  PROVIDER ELIGIBILITY. To be eligible to participate as a provider under the program, a provider must:

(1)  apply to the commission in the manner prescribed by commission rule;

(2)  be a public, nonprofit, or private entity that is:

(A)  authorized under the Education Code or other state law to grant a high school diploma; or

(B)  accredited by a regional accrediting body and working in partnership with an entity described by Paragraph (A);

(3)  have at least two years of experience providing dropout reengagement services to adult students, including recruitment, learning plan development, and proactive coaching and mentoring, leading to the obtainment of a high school diploma;

(4)  be equipped to:

(A)  provide:

(i)  academic skill intake assessment and transcript evaluations;

(ii)  remediation coursework in literacy and numeracy;

(iii)  a research-validated academic resiliency assessment and intervention;

(iv)  employability skills development aligned to employer needs;

(v)  career pathways coursework;

(vi)  preparation for the attainment of industry-recognized credentials; and

(vii)  career placement services; and

(B)  develop a learning plan that integrates academic requirements and career goals; and

(5)  offer a course catalog that includes all courses necessary to meet high school graduation requirements in this state.

Sec. 317.010.  EXPIRATION. This chapter expires September 1, 2027 [~~2025~~].

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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