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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the inclusion of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps  
3 and Leadership Officer Training Corps programs as public school  
4 career and technology education programs and the indicator of  
5 achievement for military readiness under the public school  
6 accountability system.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 29.182(b), Education Code, is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 (b) The state plan must include procedures designed to  
11 ensure that:

12 (1) all secondary and postsecondary students have the  
13 opportunity to participate in career and technology education  
14 programs;

15 (2) the state complies with requirements for  
16 supplemental federal career and technology education funding;

17 (3) career and technology education is established as  
18 a part of the total education system of this state and constitutes  
19 an option for student learning that provides a rigorous course of  
20 study consistent with the required curriculum under Section 28.002  
21 and under which a student may receive specific education in a career  
22 and technology program that:

23 (A) incorporates competencies leading to  
24 academic and technical skill attainment;

1 (B) leads to:

2 (i) an industry-recognized license,  
3 credential, or certificate; or

4 (ii) at the postsecondary level, an  
5 associate or baccalaureate degree;

6 (C) includes opportunities for students to earn  
7 college credit for coursework; and

8 (D) includes, as an integral part of the program,  
9 participation by students and teachers in activities of career and  
10 technical student organizations supported by the agency and the  
11 State Board of Education; ~~and~~

12 (4) a school district provides, to the greatest extent  
13 possible, to a student participating in a career and technology  
14 education program opportunities to enroll in dual credit courses  
15 designed to lead to a degree, license, or certification as part of  
16 the program; and

17 (5) courses of study in a Junior Reserve Officer  
18 Training Corps program or Leadership Officer Training Corps program  
19 are provided as part of a career and technology education program.

20 SECTION 2. Section 39.053(c), Education Code, is amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 (c) School districts and campuses must be evaluated based on  
23 three domains of indicators of achievement adopted under this  
24 section that include:

25 (1) in the student achievement domain, indicators of  
26 student achievement that must include:

27 (A) for evaluating the performance of districts

1 and campuses generally:

2 (i) an indicator that accounts for the  
3 results of assessment instruments required under Sections  
4 39.023(a), (c), and (l), as applicable for the district and campus,  
5 including the results of assessment instruments required for  
6 graduation retaken by a student, aggregated across grade levels by  
7 subject area, including:

8 (a) for the performance standard  
9 determined by the commissioner under Section 39.0241(a), the  
10 percentage of students who performed satisfactorily on the  
11 assessment instruments, aggregated across grade levels by subject  
12 area; and

13 (b) for the college readiness  
14 performance standard as determined under Section 39.0241, the  
15 percentage of students who performed satisfactorily on the  
16 assessment instruments, aggregated across grade levels by subject  
17 area; and

18 (ii) an indicator that accounts for the  
19 results of assessment instruments required under Section  
20 39.023(b), as applicable for the district and campus, including the  
21 percentage of students who performed satisfactorily on the  
22 assessment instruments, as determined by the performance standard  
23 adopted by the agency, aggregated across grade levels by subject  
24 area; and

25 (B) for evaluating the performance of high school  
26 campuses and districts that include high school campuses,  
27 indicators that account for:

1 (i) students who satisfy the Texas Success  
2 Initiative (TSI) college readiness benchmarks prescribed by the  
3 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under Section 51.334 on  
4 an assessment instrument in reading or mathematics designated by  
5 the coordinating board under that section;

6 (ii) students who satisfy relevant  
7 performance standards on advanced placement tests or similar  
8 assessments;

9 (iii) students who earn dual course credits  
10 in the dual credit courses;

11 (iv) students who demonstrate military  
12 readiness by:

13 (a) enlisting [~~enlist~~] in the armed  
14 forces of the United States or the Texas National Guard;

15 (b) achieving a passing score set by  
16 the applicable military branch on the Armed Services Vocational  
17 Aptitude Battery test; or

18 (c) successfully completing a Junior  
19 Reserve Officer Training Corps program;

20 (v) students who earn industry  
21 certifications;

22 (vi) students admitted into postsecondary  
23 industry certification programs that require as a prerequisite for  
24 entrance successful performance at the secondary level;

25 (vii) students whose successful completion  
26 of a course or courses under Section 28.014 indicates the student's  
27 preparation to enroll and succeed, without remediation, in an

1 entry-level general education course for a baccalaureate degree or  
2 associate degree;

3 (viii) students who successfully met  
4 standards on a composite of indicators that through research  
5 indicates the student's preparation to enroll and succeed, without  
6 remediation, in an entry-level general education course for a  
7 baccalaureate degree or associate degree;

8 (ix) high school graduation rates, computed  
9 in accordance with standards and definitions adopted in compliance  
10 with the Every Student Succeeds Act (20 U.S.C. Section 6301 et seq.)  
11 subject to the exclusions provided by Subsections (g), (g-1),  
12 (g-2), (g-3), and (g-4);

13 (x) students who successfully completed an  
14 OnRamps dual enrollment course;

15 (xi) students who successfully completed a  
16 practicum or internship approved by the State Board of Education;

17 (xii) students who are awarded an associate  
18 degree; and

19 (xiii) students who successfully completed  
20 a program of study in career and technical education;

21 (2) in the school progress domain, indicators for  
22 effectiveness in promoting student learning, which must include:

23 (A) for assessment instruments, including  
24 assessment instruments under Subdivisions (1)(A)(i) and (ii), the  
25 percentage of students who met the standard for improvement, as  
26 determined by the commissioner; and

27 (B) for evaluating relative performance, the

1 performance of districts and campuses compared to similar districts  
2 or campuses; and

3 (3) in the closing the gaps domain, the use of  
4 disaggregated data to demonstrate the differentials among students  
5 from different racial and ethnic groups, socioeconomic  
6 backgrounds, and other factors, including:

7 (A) students formerly receiving special  
8 education services;

9 (B) students continuously enrolled; and

10 (C) students who are mobile.

11 SECTION 3. Section 48.106, Education Code, is amended by  
12 adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

13 (a-2) In addition to the amounts under Subsections (a) and  
14 (a-1), a district is entitled to an annual allotment equal to the  
15 basic allotment, or if applicable, the sum of the basic allotment  
16 and the allotment under Section 48.101 to which the district is  
17 entitled, multiplied by:

18 (1) 1.28 for each student enrolled in an approved  
19 Leadership Officer Training Corps program, as determined by the  
20 agency; and

21 (2) 1.47 for each student enrolled in an approved  
22 Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program, as determined by the  
23 agency.

24 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024  
25 school year.

26 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.