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H.B. No. 5264

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the adoption and use of certain performance indicators to measure and evaluate career school or college programs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 132, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 132.027 to read as follows:

Sec. 132.027. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS. (a) The commission shall adopt a set of performance indicators for the purpose of measuring and evaluating the quality of the learning and achievement of students enrolled in programs operated by career schools or colleges. The commission periodically shall review the indicators and make appropriate revisions based on that review.

(b) The performance indicators adopted under Subsection (a) must allow for the assessment of a career school or college program with respect to:

(1) industry recognition of the program and the corresponding value that industry attaches to the program and to any certifications or licenses related to the program;

(2) the rate at which students are able to successfully complete the program;

(3) the availability of a program-related certification or license after a student completes the program;

(4) the likelihood that a certification or license related to the program will:

1 (A) lead to postsecondary work, an
2 apprenticeship program, or established industry credentials; or

3 (B) support employment in multiple regions of
4 this state;

5 (5) whether a program-related certification or
6 license will be awarded by an independent third-party organization
7 using predetermined standards for knowledge, skills, and
8 competencies; and

9 (6) the inclusion of accepted best practices for the
10 program that align to best practices contained in:

11 (A) widely accepted industry standards; or

12 (B) standards established by an independent
13 third-party organization with expertise in gathering information
14 from employers related to the value attached to any certifications
15 or licenses related to the program.

16 (c) The commission shall:

17 (1) develop a methodology for determining the minimum
18 acceptable standards for a career school or college based on the
19 performance indicators adopted under Subsection (a); and

20 (2) evaluate annually 20 percent of career school and
21 college programs in all regions of this state for compliance with
22 the minimum acceptable standards described by Subdivision (1).

23 (d) A career school or college offering a program that fails
24 to meet the minimum standards developed under Subsection (c) is
25 ineligible to enter into a contract with a local workforce
26 development board with respect to that program.

27 (e) Not later than September 1 of each year, the commission

1 shall publish a list of each career school and college program that
2 has been reviewed by the commission and that meets the minimum
3 acceptable standards developed under Subsection (c).

4 (f) Rules adopted by the commission under Section [132.021](#)
5 must include rules for the periodic review of performance
6 indicators.

7 SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2024, the Texas
8 Workforce Commission shall publish the initial list required under
9 Section 132.027(e), Education Code, as added by this Act.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.