Leo Wilson, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 1868 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2025; 7, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Education 1-1 1**-**2 1**-**3 May 7, K-16; May 25, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 25, 2025, sent to printer.) 1-4 1-5

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Creighton	X	-		
1-9	Campbell	Х			
1-10	Bettencourt	X			
1-11	Hagenbuch			X	
1-12	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-13	King	X			
1-14	Menéndez	Х			
1-15	Middleton	X			
1-16	Parker	X			
1-17	Paxton	X			
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relating to a study on changes to performance tier funding for dual credit or dual enrollment courses under the public junior college state finance program and the capacity of the state's workforce to teach dual credit or dual enrollment courses.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 130A, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 130A.1011 to read as follows:

Sec. 130A.1011. STUDY ON DUAL CREDIT OR DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE SEQUENCES AND WORKFORCE CAPACITY. (a) The coordinating board shall conduct a study to assess the feasibility and the fiscal and policy implications, including the fiscal impact to the state, of decreasing the number of semester credit hours or the equivalent for a sequence of dual credit or dual enrollment courses for purposes of performance tier funding under Section 130A.101(c)(3) to nine semester credit hours or the equivalent.

(b) In conducting the study, the coordinating board shall assess:

the potential benefit to students of taking the action described by Subsection (a), including:

(A) alignment with the public school

accountability system under Chapter 39;

(B) any reduction in the time to graduate with or the cost for an undergraduate degree at an institution of higher education; and

a comparison of matriculation and completion rates for students who complete a sequence of 9 semester credit hours or the equivalent for dual credit or dual enrollment courses versus a sequence of 15 semester credit hours or the equivalent for those courses; and

the current and projected capacity of the state's teach dual credit or dual enrollment courses, (2) workforce to including:

(A) an estimate of the number of instructors currently eligible to teach dual credit or dual enrollment courses

and the geographic distribution of those instructors;

(B) an analysis of barriers to certification or credentialing in teaching dual credit or dual enrollment courses; <u>an</u>d

1-59 (C) strategies to increase the number instructors eligible to teach dual credit or dual enrollment 1-60 courses, including: 1-61

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(i) professional development pathways;(ii) partnerships with institutions 2-1 2-2 higher education, as defined by Section 61.003; and 2-3 2-4 (iii) targeted financial academic or

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(c) The coordinating board may consult with the Education Agency and institutions of higher education in conducting the study.

Not later than December 1, 2026, the coordinating board (d) shall submit to the legislature a report on the results of the study conducted under this section and any recommendations for legislative or other action, including recommendations for actions to support an expanded workforce of dual credit or dual enrollment instructors.

(e) This section expires September 1, 2027.

SECTION 2. 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, 2025.

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