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H.B. No. 1876

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of a career and technical education
3 reporting grant program by the Texas Education Agency.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 29.195 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 29.195. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION REPORTING GRANT
8 PROGRAM. (a) From funds appropriated or otherwise available for
9 the purpose, the agency shall establish and administer a career and
10 technical education reporting grant program to award grants to
11 eligible school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to
12 facilitate the collection, analysis, and reporting of career- and
13 technical education-related data to enhance program effectiveness
14 and student outcomes at the local and state levels.

15 (b) A school district or open-enrollment charter school is
16 eligible to receive a grant under this section if the district or
17 school demonstrates the potential for significant positive effects
18 on:

22 (c) The agency shall adopt rules to establish and administer
23 the grant program under this section.

24 (d) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may

1 use a grant awarded under this section to:

2 (1) implement strategies and procure software for

3 collecting and analyzing career and technical education data,

4 including:

5 (A) tracking student engagement in experiences

6 provided by career technical student organizations outside the

7 classroom, including:

8 (i) community service or other events;

9 (ii) competitions; and

10 (iii) awards;

11 (B) tracking student hours worked, training

12 plans, and teacher visits in work-based learning classes offered by

13 the district or school;

14 (C) tracking student results on industry-based

15 certifications, including information regarding the applicable

16 course and teacher and the cost for the certification;

17 (D) identifying students who demonstrate

18 college, career, or military readiness and tracking which

19 performance measures the students meet in real time; and

20 (E) maintaining information regarding enrollment

21 in career and technical education courses and programs of study,

22 disaggregated by:

23 (i) race;

24 (ii) ethnicity;

25 (iii) gender; and

26 (iv) special populations;

27 (2) train district or school employees in the use of

1 data analytics software; and

2 (3) to the extent possible, improve the integration of
3 career and technical education data with the Public Education
4 Information Management System (PEIMS).

5 (e) On a schedule determined by the commissioner, each
6 school district and open-enrollment charter school that receives a
7 grant under this section shall report to the commissioner through
8 the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) or
9 another method determined by commissioner rule the data described
10 by Subsection (d)(1)(E).

11 (f) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may
12 only receive one grant under this section within a 12-month period.

13 (g) A grant awarded under this section may not exceed
14 \$5,000.

15 (h) The total amount of grants awarded under this section
16 each year may not exceed \$1.75 million.

17 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
18 of this Act, the Texas Education Agency shall establish the career
19 and technical education reporting grant program required by Section
20 29.195, Education Code, as added by this Act.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.