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H.B. No. 1876

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

(b) The agency shall adopt rules to establish and administer the grant program under this section, including rules:

(1) establishing application procedures and deadlines;

(2) establishing grant eligibility criteria; and

(3) prioritizing grant applications that demonstrate the potential for significant positive effects on:

(A) career and technical education program outcomes; and

(B) workforce readiness of students.

1        (c) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may  
2 use a grant awarded under this section to:

3            (1) implement strategies and procure software for  
4 collecting and analyzing career and technical education data,  
5 including:

6                    (A) tracking student engagement in experiences  
7 provided by career technical student organizations outside the  
8 classroom, including:

9                            (i) community service or other events;

10                           (ii) competitions; and

11                           (iii) awards;

12                    (B) tracking student hours worked, training  
13 plans, and teacher visits in work-based learning classes offered by  
14 the district or school;

15                    (C) tracking student results on industry-based  
16 certifications, including information regarding the applicable  
17 course and teacher and the cost for the certification;

18                    (D) identifying students who demonstrate  
19 college, career, or military readiness and tracking which  
20 performance measures the students meet in real time; and

21                    (E) maintaining information regarding enrollment  
22 in career and technical education courses and programs of study,  
23 disaggregated by:

24                            (i) race;

25                            (ii) ethnicity;

26                            (iii) gender; and

27                            (iv) special populations;

1           (2) train district or school employees in the use of  
2 data analytics software; and

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

6           SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
7 of this Act, the Texas Education Agency shall establish the career  
8 and technical education reporting grant program required by Section  
9 29.195, Education Code, as added by this Act.

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