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H.B. No. 2189

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to methods to improve health profession-related career and technology education and dual credit programs offered by school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Sections 29.193 and 29.195 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.193. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR HEALTH PROFESSION-RELATED PROGRAMS. (a) The agency shall make available at no cost to school districts high-quality instructional materials for use in health profession-related career and technology education programs provided under this subchapter.

(b) The instructional materials under Subsection (a) may include:

(1) material designed to cover all essential knowledge and skills for a course offered through a health profession-related career and technology education program under this subchapter; or

(2) supplemental materials designed to complement, enrich, or extend a particular subject area included in a health profession-related career and technology education program under this subchapter.

Sec. 29.195. STUDY ON FEASIBILITY OF SHARING LABORATORY RESOURCES FOR HEALTH PROFESSION-RELATED PROGRAMS. (a) In this section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned

1 by Section 61.003.

2 (b) The agency, in coordination with the Texas Higher
3 Education Coordinating Board, shall study the feasibility of
4 creating partnerships between public schools and institutions of
5 higher education to share educational laboratory resources for
6 purposes of health profession-related career and technology
7 education programs under this subchapter.

8 (c) The study must:

9 (1) identify current educational laboratory resources
10 at public schools and institutions of higher education that may be
11 used for health profession-related career and technology education
12 programs; and

13 (2) examine methods of creating partnerships,
14 incentives, or funding mechanisms where appropriate and effective
15 to facilitate the sharing of educational laboratory resources for
16 health profession-related career and technology education
17 programs.

18 (d) Not later than December 1, 2026, the agency, in
19 coordination with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board,
20 shall submit to the legislature a report on the study required by
21 this section and any recommendations for legislative or other
22 action.

23 (e) This section expires September 1, 2027.

24 SECTION 2. Chapter 2308A, Government Code, is amended by
25 adding Section 2308A.0075 to read as follows:

26 Sec. 2308A.0075. REVIEW OF CERTAIN HEALTH
27 PROFESSION-RELATED DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS. (a) The agency,

1 coordinating board, and commission jointly shall review the
2 curriculum of courses in health profession-related career and
3 technology education programs that are offered for joint high
4 school and college credit at public schools in this state to ensure
5 that those programs:

6 (1) align with requirements for health
7 profession-related certificate and degree programs at institutions
8 of higher education; and

9 (2) allow for the stacking of credentials to reduce
10 duplication of effort.

11 (b) The agency, coordinating board, and commission shall
12 consult with both academic and practicing health care professionals
13 in conducting the review under Subsection (a).

14 (c) Not later than December 1, 2026, the agency,
15 coordinating board, and commission jointly shall submit to the
16 legislature a report on the review conducted under Subsection (a)
17 that includes a description of actions taken by those agencies to
18 accomplish the purposes described by that subsection and any
19 recommendations for legislative or other action.

20 (d) This section expires September 1, 2027.

21 SECTION 3. Section 29.193, Education Code, as added by this
22 Act, applies beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.