By: King H.B. No. 1238

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the development of introductory career and technology education courses for use in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.186 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.186. INTRODUCTORY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION COURSES. (a) "Approved program of study" has the meaning assigned by Section 48.106(b).

(b) The State Board of Education shall develop four courses that may be offered under a school district's career and technology education program and are designed to introduce a student to two or more approved programs of study.

(c) In developing the courses under Subsection (b), the State Board of Education shall ensure that each approved program of study is covered by at least one course.

(d) Each course developed under Subsection (b) shall count as a level one career and technology education course in each approved program of study covered by the course for purposes of accountability under Chapter 39 and funding under Section 48.106.

SECTION 2. Not later than June 1, 2028, the State Board of Education shall develop the career and technology education courses as required by Section 29.186, Education Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.