By: Hinojosa of Hidalgo S.B. No. 419

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to agreements regarding courses offered jointly by public junior colleges and school districts, organizations, or other persons operating high schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section 130.008, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(d) Except as provided by Subsection (d-1), a [~~A~~] public junior college may enter into an agreement with a school district, organization, or other person that operates a high school to offer a course as provided by this section regardless of whether the high school is located within the service area of the junior college district.

(d-1) A public junior college may enter into an agreement described by Subsection (d) with respect to a high school located within the service area of another junior college district only if the junior college district in which the high school is located is unwilling or unable to provide the requested course. The junior college district in which the high school is located must notify a school district, organization, or other person operating the high school regarding whether the junior college district is unwilling or unable to provide the requested course not later than the sixth week after receiving the request for the course.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2027 fall semester.

SECTION 3. 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, 2027.