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H.B. No. 2790

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to funding for certain apprenticeship training programs.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 133.002(b), (f), and (g), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) A program may be conducted by an independent apprenticeship committee or may ~~[must]~~ be sponsored by a public school district or a state postsecondary institution pursuant to a contract between the district or institution and an apprenticeship committee.

(f) Funding for a program sponsored by a public school district or state postsecondary institution, in addition to any other money available, shall be provided by the apprenticeship committee pursuant to the terms of the contract referred to in Subsection (b).

(g) An apprenticeship training program must provide ~~[Pursuant to the terms of the contract referred to in Subsection (b),]~~ adequate facilities, personnel, and resources to effectively administer the ~~[apprenticeship training]~~ program in a manner consistent with the public's need for skilled craftsmen and the apprentices' need for marketable skills in apprenticeship occupations ~~[must be provided]~~.

SECTION 2. Sections 133.005(a) and (b), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

1 (a) The commission shall maintain a clear audit trail of all  
2 funds appropriated for the apprenticeship system of adult career  
3 and technology education. For each course that is funded, the audit  
4 trail shall include the following records:

5 (1) the name of the sponsoring public school district  
6 or state postsecondary institution or of the apprenticeship  
7 committee offering the course if the apprenticeship training  
8 program is not sponsored by a public school district or state  
9 postsecondary institution;

10 (2) the name of the instructor;

11 (3) the number of students enrolled;

12 (4) the place and schedule of class meetings; and

13 (5) certification by the bureau for preparatory and  
14 related instruction courses that the students enrolled were  
15 registered apprentices.

16 (b) A public school district, [Public school districts or]  
17 state postsecondary institution, or apprenticeship committee  
18 operating an apprenticeship training program not sponsored by a  
19 public school district or state postsecondary institution that  
20 receives [institutions receiving] funds shall maintain a clear  
21 audit trail which shall include records of receipts for all  
22 expenditures relating solely to each particular course. Where an  
23 expense is shared by two or more courses, the allocation to that  
24 expense from the funds for a particular course shall be supported by  
25 a formula based on the comparative benefit derived by each course  
26 from the expense. No charges for the depreciation of facilities or  
27 the retirement of indebtedness shall be allocated to an

1 apprenticeship course.

2       SECTION 3. Section 133.006(e), Education Code, is amended  
3 to read as follows:

4       (e) No funds shall be distributed to a public school  
5 district, ~~[or]~~ state postsecondary institution, or apprenticeship  
6 committee until the district, ~~[or]~~ institution, or committee has  
7 filed all reports required by this chapter and by the commission.

8       SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.