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H.B. No. 2729

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an inventory of credentials and certificates that may be earned by a public high school student through a career and technology education program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.189 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.189. INVENTORY OF CREDENTIALS AND CERTIFICATES.

(a) In this section:

(1) "Commission" means the Texas Workforce Commission.

(2) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(b) The agency, the coordinating board, and the commission shall jointly develop and post on their respective Internet websites an inventory of industry-recognized credentials and certificates that may be earned by a public high school student through a career and technology education program and that:

(1) are aligned to state and regional workforce needs; and

(2) serve as an entry point to middle- and high-wage jobs.

(c) The inventory must include for each credential or certificate:

1 (1) the associated career cluster;

2 (2) the awarding entity;

3 (3) the level of education required and any additional
4 requirements for the credential or certificate;

5 (4) any fees for obtaining the credential or
6 certificate; and

7 (5) the average wage or salary for jobs that require or
8 prefer the credential or certificate.

9 (d) Each year, the agency, the coordinating board, and the
10 commission jointly shall:

11 (1) review and, if necessary, update the inventory;
12 and

13 (2) provide a copy of the inventory to each school
14 district and public institution of higher education that offers a
15 career and technology education program to public high school
16 students.

17 SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2018, the Texas
18 Education Agency, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board,
19 and the Texas Workforce Commission shall jointly develop and post
20 on their respective Internet websites the inventory required under
21 Section 29.189, Education Code, as added by this Act.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.