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S.B. No. 732

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of public junior colleges to offer certain courses and programs, including under agreements with independent school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.402(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A public junior college may enter into an articulation agreement to partner with one or more school districts located in a county in which the service area of the junior college is wholly or partly located ~~[the public junior college district]~~ to provide on the campus of the ~~[public]~~ junior college a dropout recovery program for students described by Subsection (b) to successfully complete and receive a diploma from a high school of the appropriate partnering school district.

SECTION 2. Section 130.008(g), Education Code, as added by Chapter 1177 (S.B. 1004), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is redesignated as Section 130.008(g-1), Education Code, amended to conform to the repeal of Section 130.008(f), Education Code, by Chapter 90 (H.B. 505), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, and further amended to read as follows:

(g-1) ~~[(g)]~~ A public junior college with a service area located wholly or partly in a county with a population of more than

three million shall enter into an agreement with each school district located wholly or partly in a county with a population of more than three million to offer one or more courses as provided by this section. ~~[A student enrolled in a school district to which this subsection applies may enroll in a course at any junior college that has entered into an agreement with the district to offer the course under this subsection. Subsection (f) does not apply to a student who seeks to enroll in a course under this subsection.]~~

SECTION 3. Section 130.008, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (g-2) and (g-3) to read as follows:

(g-2) A public junior college may enter into an agreement with any school district located in a county in which the service area of the junior college is wholly or partly located to offer one or more courses as provided by this section.

(g-3) A high school student enrolled in a school district may enroll in a course at any public junior college that has entered into an agreement with the district to offer the course under this section.

SECTION 4. Section 130.090(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The governing board of a junior college district may contract with the governing board of any ~~an~~ independent school district located in a county in which the junior college district's service area is wholly or partly located for the junior college to provide remedial programs for students enrolled in secondary schools in the independent school district in preparation for graduation from secondary school and entrance into college.

1           SECTION 5. The following provisions of the Education Code  
2 are repealed:

3                   (1) Section 29.402(a-1);

4                   (2) Section 130.090(a-1); and

5                   (3) Sections 130.251(d) and (d-1).

6           SECTION 6. (a) Section 130.008, Education Code, as amended  
7 by this Act, applies beginning with the 2017 fall semester.

8           (b) The repeal by this Act of Sections 130.251(d) and (d-1),  
9 Education Code, applies beginning with courses offered by a public  
10 junior college for the 2018 spring semester.

11          SECTION 7. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails  
12 over another Act of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017,  
13 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted  
14 codes.

15          SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.