

AN ACT

relating to notice regarding the availability of programs under which a student may earn college credit in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.010. NOTIFICATION REGARDING COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAMS. (a) Each school year, a school district shall notify the parent of each district student enrolled in grade nine or above of the availability of programs in the district under which a student may earn college credit, including advanced placement programs, dual credit programs, joint high school and college credit programs, and international baccalaureate programs.

(b) A school district may provide the notification required by this section on the district's Internet website. The notification must include the name and contact information of any public or private entity offering a program described by this section in the district.

SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 33.007, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) During the first school year a student is enrolled in a high school or at the high school level in an open-enrollment charter school, and again during a student's senior year, a counselor shall provide information about higher education to the

1 student and the student's parent or guardian. The information must
2 include information regarding:

3 (1) the importance of higher education;

4 (2) the advantages of completing the recommended or
5 advanced high school program adopted under Section 28.025(a);

6 (3) the disadvantages of taking courses to prepare for
7 a high school equivalency examination relative to the benefits of
8 taking courses leading to a high school diploma;

9 (4) financial aid eligibility;

10 (5) instruction on how to apply for federal financial
11 aid;

12 (6) the center for financial aid information
13 established under Section 61.0776;

14 (7) the automatic admission of certain students to
15 general academic teaching institutions as provided by Section
16 51.803; ~~and~~

17 (8) the eligibility and academic performance
18 requirements for the TEXAS Grant as provided by Subchapter M,
19 Chapter 56; and

20 (9) the availability of programs in the district under
21 which a student may earn college credit, including advanced
22 placement programs, dual credit programs, joint high school and
23 college credit programs, and international baccalaureate
24 programs [~~as added by Chapter 1590, Acts of the 76th Legislature,~~
25 ~~Regular Session, 1999~~].

26 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008
27 school year.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 282 passed the Senate on March 14, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 25, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 282 passed the House, with amendment, on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor