

1-1 By: Aycock (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 18
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2015;
 1-3 May 25, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Education; May 26, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 26, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to college and career readiness training for certain
 1-22 public school counselors and postsecondary advisors.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Education Code, is
 1-25 amended by adding Section 33.009 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 33.009. POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND CAREER COUNSELING
 1-27 ACADEMIES. (a) In this section, "center" means the Center for
 1-28 Teaching and Learning at The University of Texas at Austin.

1-29 (b) The center shall develop and make available
 1-30 postsecondary education and career counseling academies for school
 1-31 counselors and other postsecondary advisors employed by a school
 1-32 district at a middle school, junior high school, or high school.

1-33 (c) In developing academies under this section, the center
 1-34 shall solicit input from the agency, school counselors, the Texas
 1-35 Workforce Commission, institutions of higher education, and
 1-36 business, community, and school leaders.

1-37 (d) An academy developed under this section must provide
 1-38 counselors and other postsecondary advisors with knowledge and
 1-39 skills to provide counseling to students regarding postsecondary
 1-40 success and productive career planning and must include information
 1-41 relating to:

1-42 (1) each endorsement described by Section
 1-43 28.025(c-1), including:

1-44 (A) the course requirements for each
 1-45 endorsement; and

1-46 (B) the postsecondary educational and career
 1-47 opportunities associated with each endorsement;

1-48 (2) available methods for a student to earn credit for
 1-49 a course not offered at the school in which the student is enrolled,
 1-50 including enrollment in an electronic course provided through the
 1-51 state virtual school network under Chapter 30A;

1-52 (3) general academic performance requirements for
 1-53 admission to an institution of higher education, including the
 1-54 requirements for automatic admission to a general academic teaching
 1-55 institution under Section 51.803;

1-56 (4) regional workforce needs, including information
 1-57 about the required education and the average wage or salary for
 1-58 careers that meet those workforce needs; and

1-59 (5) effective strategies for engaging students and
 1-60 parents in planning for postsecondary education and potential
 1-61 careers, including participation in mentorships and business

2-1 partnerships.

2-2 (e) From funds appropriated for that purpose, a school
2-3 counselor who attends the academy under this section is entitled to
2-4 receive a stipend in the amount determined by the center. A stipend
2-5 received under this subsection is not considered in determining
2-6 whether a district is paying the school counselor the minimum
2-7 monthly salary under Section 21.402.

2-8 (f) From available funds appropriated for purposes of this
2-9 section, the center may provide to school counselors and other
2-10 educators curricula, instructional materials, and technological
2-11 tools relating to postsecondary education and career counseling.

2-12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-16 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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