

1-1 By: Lucio III (Senate Sponsor - Miles) H.B. No. 2729
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2017;
 1-3 May 3, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Education; May 22, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 22, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Hall			X	
1-12 Huffines	X			
1-13 Hughes	X			
1-14 Seliger	X			
1-15 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-16 Uresti	X			
1-17 West			X	

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to an inventory of credentials and certificates that may
 1-22 be earned by a public high school student through a career and
 1-23 technology education program.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
 1-26 amended by adding Section 29.189 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 29.189. INVENTORY OF CREDENTIALS AND CERTIFICATES.

1-28 (a) In this section:

1-29 (1) "Commission" means the Texas Workforce
 1-30 Commission.

1-31 (2) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher
 1-32 Education Coordinating Board.

1-33 (b) The agency, the coordinating board, and the commission
 1-34 shall jointly develop and post on their respective Internet
 1-35 websites an inventory of industry-recognized credentials and
 1-36 certificates that may be earned by a public high school student
 1-37 through a career and technology education program and that:

1-38 (1) are aligned to state and regional workforce needs;

1-39 and

1-40 (2) serve as an entry point to middle- and high-wage
 1-41 jobs.

1-42 (c) The inventory must include for each credential or
 1-43 certificate:

1-44 (1) the associated career cluster;

1-45 (2) the awarding entity;

1-46 (3) the level of education required and any additional
 1-47 requirements for the credential or certificate;

1-48 (4) any fees for obtaining the credential or
 1-49 certificate; and

1-50 (5) the average wage or salary for jobs that require or
 1-51 prefer the credential or certificate.

1-52 (d) Each year, the agency, the coordinating board, and the
 1-53 commission jointly shall:

1-54 (1) review and, if necessary, update the inventory;

1-55 and

1-56 (2) provide a copy of the inventory to each school
 1-57 district and public institution of higher education that offers a
 1-58 career and technology education program to public high school
 1-59 students.

1-60 SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2018, the Texas
 1-61 Education Agency, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board,

2-1 and the Texas Workforce Commission shall jointly develop and post
2-2 on their respective Internet websites the inventory required under
2-3 Section 29.189, Education Code, as added by this Act.

2-4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-8 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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