

1-1 By: Canales, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.B. No. 2937
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2017;
 1-3 May 12, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Education; May 23, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1, 1
 1-6 present not voting; May 23, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-9 Lucio	X			
1-10 Bettencourt				X
1-11 Campbell		X		
1-12 Hall			X	
1-13 Huffines	X			
1-14 Hughes	X			
1-15 Seliger	X			
1-16 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-17 Uresti	X			
1-18 West			X	

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2937 By: Lucio

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the establishment of a pilot program under which a
 1-24 licensed hospital may offer dual credit courses to public high
 1-25 school students.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
 1-28 amended by adding Section 61.0764 to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 61.0764. MEDICAL DUAL CREDIT PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The
 1-30 board shall develop and implement a pilot program under which a
 1-31 licensed hospital may offer dual credit courses to high school
 1-32 students enrolled in a school district in partnership with the
 1-33 district.

1-34 (b) The board shall select up to three licensed hospitals to
 1-35 participate in the pilot program. Each hospital selected must be
 1-36 accredited by The Joint Commission and:

1-37 (1) have been issued:

1-38 (A) a certificate of approval to offer a program
 1-39 of instruction by the Texas Workforce Commission under Subchapter
 1-40 C, Chapter 132; or

1-41 (B) a certificate of authority to award a degree
 1-42 for a program of study by the board under Subchapter G of this
 1-43 chapter; or

1-44 (2) be accredited to offer a degree program by a
 1-45 recognized accrediting agency.

1-46 (c) A licensed hospital selected under Subsection (b):

1-47 (1) may offer under the pilot program only dual credit
 1-48 courses that are in the curriculum of the hospital's authorized
 1-49 program of instruction or study or accredited degree program, as
 1-50 applicable; and

1-51 (2) subject to Subdivision (1) and Subsection (d),
 1-52 shall determine the content of each dual credit course offered
 1-53 under the pilot program with the goal of ensuring that the course is
 1-54 transferable for course credit applied toward a certificate or
 1-55 degree at an institution of higher education.

1-56 (d) A licensed hospital selected under Subsection (b) must
 1-57 design the dual credit courses offered under the pilot program to
 1-58 enable students to earn a variety of certifications, certificates,
 1-59 and degrees, including at least one certification or certificate
 1-60 while the student is in high school. The available certifications,

2-1 certificates, and degrees must be selected based on:
2-2 (1) the needs of the hospital;
2-3 (2) the terms of the hospital's agreements with
2-4 partnering school districts to provide the dual credit courses
2-5 under the pilot program; and
2-6 (3) the goal of preparing students for employment in
2-7 the health care field.

2-8 (e) A student enrolled in a dual credit course offered under
2-9 the pilot program is entitled to the benefits of the Foundation
2-10 School Program for the time spent by the student on that course, in
2-11 accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner of education.

2-12 (f) A student may not be charged for tuition, fees, or
2-13 required textbooks or other instructional materials for a dual
2-14 credit course offered under the pilot program. The school district
2-15 in which the student is enrolled is responsible for the cost of the
2-16 student's tuition, fees, or required textbooks or other
2-17 instructional materials for that course to the extent that those
2-18 amounts are not waived by the licensed hospital offering the
2-19 course.

2-20 (g) The board may adopt rules as necessary to implement this
2-21 section.

2-22 SECTION 2. Section 61.0764, Education Code, as added by
2-23 this Act, applies beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

2-24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-28 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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