

1-1 By: Ashby, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 2994
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2017;
1-3 May 12, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
1-4 Education; May 17, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
1-6 May 17, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	<u>Seliger</u>	X		
1-10	<u>West</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Bettencourt</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Buckingham</u>	X		
1-13	<u>Menéndez</u>	X		
1-14	<u>Taylor of Galveston</u>	X		
1-15	<u>Watson</u>	X		

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2994 By: West

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to workforce continuing education offered by public junior
1-20 colleges.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Chapter 130, Education Code, is amended by
1-23 adding Subchapter L to read as follows:

1-24 SUBCHAPTER L. WORKFORCE CONTINUING EDUCATION

1-25 Sec. 130.301. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

1-26 (1) "Adult" means a person who:

1-27 (A) has completed the person's sophomore year of
1-28 high school;

1-29 (B) is 17 years of age and has been awarded a high
1-30 school diploma or its equivalent; or

1-31 (C) is 18 years of age or older, regardless of the
1-32 person's previous educational experience.

1-33 (2) "Avocational course" means a course of study in a
1-34 subject or activity that is usually engaged in by a person in
1-35 addition to the person's regular work or profession for recreation
1-36 or in relation to a hobby. The term includes a community interest
1-37 course.

1-38 (3) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher
1-39 Education Coordinating Board.

1-40 (4) "Workforce continuing education" means a program
1-41 of instruction that:

1-42 (A) is designed primarily for adults; and

1-43 (B) is intended, on completion by a participant,
1-44 to prepare the participant to qualify to apply for and accept an
1-45 employment offer or a job upgrade within a specific occupational
1-46 category or to bring the participant's knowledge or skills up to
1-47 date on new developments in a particular occupation or profession.

1-48 (5) "Workforce continuing education course" means a
1-49 course of instruction in workforce continuing education that is
1-50 approved by the coordinating board. The term does not include an
1-51 avocational course.

1-52 Sec. 130.302. FORMULA FUNDING FOR WORKFORCE CONTINUING
1-53 EDUCATION COURSES. Notwithstanding Section 130.003 or any other
1-54 law, contact hours attributable to the enrollment of a student in a
1-55 workforce continuing education course offered by a public junior
1-56 college shall be included in the contact hours used to determine the
1-57 college's proportionate share of state money appropriated and
1-58 distributed to public junior colleges under Sections 130.003 and
1-59 130.0031, regardless of whether the college waives all or part of
1-60 the tuition or fees for the course under Section 130.304.

2-1 Sec. 130.303. WORKFORCE CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR HIGH
2-2 SCHOOL STUDENTS. (a) A public junior college may offer, or may
2-3 enter into an agreement with a school district, organization, or
2-4 other person that operates a high school to offer, workforce
2-5 continuing education courses other than learning framework
2-6 courses, basic employability courses, and basic learning skills
2-7 courses to a person who:

2-8 (1) is enrolled in high school on the completion of the
2-9 person's sophomore year;

2-10 (2) is enrolled in a school that is not formally
2-11 organized as a high school and is at least 16 years of age; or

2-12 (3) is attending high school while incarcerated, is at
2-13 least 16 years of age, and is not eligible for release from
2-14 incarceration before the person's 18th birthday.

2-15 (b) This section does not prohibit a public junior college
2-16 from offering community interest continuing education courses
2-17 using local funds.

2-18 Sec. 130.304. WAIVER OF TUITION AND FEES FOR WORKFORCE
2-19 CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES. A public junior college may waive
2-20 all or part of the tuition or fees charged to a student for a
2-21 workforce continuing education course.

2-22 Sec. 130.305. RULES. The coordinating board shall adopt
2-23 any rules the coordinating board considers necessary for the
2-24 administration of this subchapter. In adopting those rules, the
2-25 coordinating board shall use the negotiated rulemaking procedures
2-26 under Chapter 2008, Government Code.

2-27 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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