

Amend Floor Amendment No. 1 to **HB 18** by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.017 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.017. COLLEGE READINESS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. (a) Each school district shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with at least one institution of higher education to coordinate efforts in ensuring students are prepared for postsecondary education opportunities. A memorandum of understanding must:

(1) provide for joint professional development opportunities for school counselors and academic advisors to promote collaboration and support the creation of common practices and terminology relating to college readiness;

(2) identify a common method of determining college readiness;

(3) identify the pathways between the endorsements under Section 28.025(c-1) that are available to students in the school district and degree programs and fields of study relating to those endorsements that are available at the institution of higher education;

(4) develop tools based on the pathways identified under Subdivision (3) for school counselors and academic advisors to assist students in selecting a suitable program of study; and

(5) identify opportunities to increase the cost efficiency of related programs in areas that include the following:

(A) technology;

(B) facilities and equipment;

(C) dual credit course staffing and certification; and

(D) transportation.

(b) A school district and institution of higher education shall annually review and update a memorandum of understanding under this section.