

Amend SB 1566 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 29.918, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f).

(d) A school district or open-enrollment charter school to which this section applies shall, in its plan submitted under Subsection (a):

(1) design a dropout recovery plan that includes career and technology education courses or technology applications courses that lead to industry or career certification;

(2) integrate into the dropout recovery plan research-based strategies to assist students in becoming able academically to pursue postsecondary education, including;

(A) high quality, college readiness instruction with strong academic and social supports;

(B) secondary to postsecondary bridging that builds college readiness skills, provides a plan for college completion, and ensures transition counseling; and

(C) information concerning appropriate supports available in the first year of postsecondary enrollment to ensure postsecondary persistence and success, to the extent funds are available for the purpose; and

(3) plan to offer advanced academic and transition opportunities, including dual credit courses and college preparatory courses, such as advanced placement courses.

(e) A school district which this section applies may enter into a partnership with a public junior college in accordance with Section 29.402, Education Code, in order to fulfill a plan submitted under Subsection (a).

(f) Any program designed to fulfill a plan submitted under Subsection (a) must comply with the requirements of Sections 29.081 (e) and (f).