

- SUBJECT:** Repealing the cap on dual credit courses for certain high school students
- COMMITTEE:** Public Education — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 9 ayes — Aycock, Allen, Bohac, Deshotel, Galindo, González, Huberty, K. King, VanDeaver
- 0 nays
- 2 absent — Dutton, Farney
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* David Anderson, Arlington ISD Board of Trustees; Jon Fisher, Associated Builders and Contractors of Texas; MaryAnn Whiteker, Hudson ISD; Mike Meroney, Huntsman Corp., BASF Corp., and Sherwin Alumina, Co.; CJ Tredway, Independent Electrical Contractors of Texas; Kelli Moulton, Texas Association Community Schools, Hereford ISD; Nelson Salinas, Texas Association of Business; Barry Haenisch, Texas Association of Community Schools; Fred Shannon, Texas Association of Manufacturers; Casey McCreary, Texas Association of School Administrators; Kyle Ward, Texas Parent Teacher Association; Colby Nichols, Texas Rural Education Association; Les Findeisen, Texas Trucking Association; Grover Campbell, Texas Association of School Boards)
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Monica Martinez, Texas Education Agency)
- BACKGROUND:** Education Code, sec. 130.008 permits a junior college to offer a course in which a public or private high school student may simultaneously earn course credit toward the student’s high school graduation requirements as well as course credit at the junior college. These “dual credit” courses allow high school students to obtain credit at a junior college at a price that is often lower than the cost of traditional junior college courses. The price is set through an agreement between the junior college and the high

school's school district or, in the case of a private high school, the organization that operates the school.

Education Code, sec. 130.008(f) prohibits a student from attending more than three courses at a junior college if the student's high school is outside the junior college's service area.

Sec. 130.161 defines service area as the territory within the boundaries of the taxing district of a junior college district or as the territory outside the boundaries of the taxing district of a junior college district in which the junior college provides services.

**DIGEST:**

HB 2812 would repeal Education Code, sec. 130.008(f) to permit a public or private high school student to enroll in more than three dual credit courses at a junior college whether or not the student's high school district was in the junior college's service area.

This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2015.