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Governor Abbott Signs House Bill 505

Texas Legislature Removes Limitations on Dual Credit Courses

Austin - Governor Abbott officially signed House Bill 505 into law on Saturday. This bill, sponsored by Senator Estes, will remove the limitation on the number of dual credit hours for public school students.

"I believe our high school students should be able to enroll in as many dual credit courses as the student and their parent sees fit," Senator Estes said. "I filed an identical bill this session to remove the limitations on these courses, and I was happy to sponsor HB 505 in the Senate. This legislation will encourage students to continue their education in a cost effective manner."

State law allows both school districts and colleges to obtain state funding for dual credit courses, allowing a student to take more higher education courses at a reduced cost. This bill prevents the Texas Education Coordinating Board from adopting a rule to limit the number of dual credit courses a high school student may take in a semester or an academic year.

This legislation is effective immediately with the Governor's approval.

Estes serves nearly 820,000 constituents across Senate District 30, which includes all of Archer, Clay, Cooke, Erath, Grayson, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wichita, Wise, and Young counties and parts of Collin and Denton counties.

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