STATE LEGISLATION UPDATE
January 31, 2019

Apprenticeships/Internships

**SB 508** – Sen. Miles
Relating to the development of a statewide online education and career advising tool and the establishment of a grant program to reimburse private employers for paid internships provided to certain public school students in career and technology education programs.
*Status: Filed*

**HB 580** – Rep. Thierry
Relating to authorizing school districts to reimburse under the Foundation School Program private employers for paid internships provided to certain students in career and technology education programs in the district.
*Status: Filed*

**HB 966** – Rep.’s Dutton, et al
Relating to providing a sales and use tax refund or franchise tax credit for businesses that employ certain apprentices.
*Status: Filed*

Career and Technical Education

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Relating to the development of a statewide online education and career advising tool and the establishment of a grant program to reimburse private employers for paid internships provided to certain public school students in career and technology education programs.
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Child Care

**HB 680** – Rep. Deshotel
Relating to the evaluation of and improvements to the quality of the Texas Workforce Commission’s subsidized child care program.
*Status: Filed*

Dual Credit, Certifications, Continuing Education

Relating to establishing a pilot project to offer student loans for certain courses offered by a public junior college.
*Status: Filed*
**HB 1051** – Rep. VanDeavor  
Relating to an adult education program provided under an adult high school diploma and industry certification charter school program, eligibility of certain students for Foundation School Program benefits, and reporting requirements regarding the dropout status of certain students.  
*Status: Filed*

**SB 501** – Sen. Seliger  
Relating to a study of costs associated with dual credit courses offered at public high schools.  
*Status: Files*

**SB 502** – Sen. Seliger  
Relating to requiring certain institutions of higher education to issue reports on the transferability of credit.  
*Status – Filed*

### Economic Development

**HB 1221** – Rep. Patterson  
Relating to authorizing certain projects to be undertaken by economic development corporations.  
*Status: Filed*

### Ex-Offenders

**SB 461** – Sen. Johnson  
Relating to providing certain discharged or released inmates with documentation to assist in obtaining employment.  
*Status: Filed*

**SB 523** – Sen. Hinojosa  
Relating to the consequences of a criminal conviction on a person’s eligibility for an occupational license.  
*Status – Filed*

### Higher Education

**HB 1008** – Rep. Metcalf  
Relating to the service of a member of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or the commissioner of higher education.  
*Status: Filed*

**HB 1040** – Rep.’s Meza, Pacheco  
Relating to the establishment of the Texas Promise Grant Program for certain students at two-year public institutions of higher education.  
*Status: Filed*

**HB 1118** – Rep. Swanson  
Relating to a requirement that public and private institutions of higher education provide certain cost and employment opportunity data for degree programs.  
*Status: Filed*
HB 1203 – Rep. Middleton
Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs. Would authorize public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs in any field.

Pre-K Education

SB 287 – Sen. Miles
Relating to the availability of free prekindergarten programs in public schools.
Status: Filed

Primary Education

SB 3 – Sen. Nelson
Relating to additional funding to school districts for classroom teacher salaries.
Status: Filed

Skills Development Fund

Relating to the use of the skills development fund by certain entities. Adds local workforce development boards, public libraries, and school districts as allowable grantees of Skills Development Fund grants.
Status: Filed

Veterans Affairs

Relating to employment and referral services for veterans and military service members.
Status: Filed

HB 714 – Rep. Lucio III
Relating to a reemployment program available to certain veterans placed on community supervision for a misdemeanor offense.
Status: Filed

Workforce Training

SB 429 – Sen. Lucio
Relating to a comprehensive plan for increasing and improving the workforce in this state to serve persons with mental health and substance use issues.
Status: Filed