BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law allows public high school students to have the option of participating in dual credit courses. These courses allow students to receive credit at both the high school and junior college level, allowing students to get a head start on college course work while also fulfilling high school graduation requirements. S.B. 636 would expand the dual enrollment program to students enrolled at private schools.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 636 authorizes concurrent enrollment agreements between junior colleges and private high schools.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 130.008, Education Code, as follows:

Sec. 130.008. New heading: CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL. Authorizes a public junior college to offer a course in which a student attending a public or private high school may enroll, under an agreement with a school district or a private high school. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause. Effective date: upon passage.