

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, many public high schools have partnerships with local community colleges to provide classes for which students can get dual credit with the high school and the college. In 1999, an attorney general's opinion stated that the legislature could amend the existing code to allow the partnerships between private schools and junior colleges. This bill allows private high schools to partner with junior and community colleges to offer joint high school and college classes for joint credit.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 130.008, Education Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e), to authorize a public junior college to offer a course in which a student attending a high school operated in this state may, with the written consent of the person operating the high school, enroll and receive certain course credit. Deletes language regarding an agreement with a school district. Requires a public junior college, in admitting or enrolling high school students in a course offered for joint high school and junior college credit under Subsection (a), to apply the same criteria and conditions to each student wishing to enroll in the course without regard to whether the student attends a public school or a private or parochial school, including a home school. Provides that for the purposes of this section, a student who attends a school that is not formally organized as a high school and is at least 16 years of age is considered to be attending a high school.

SECTION 2. Effective date: 90 days after adjournment.

Makes this Act applicable beginning with the 2001 fall semester.