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SEN. LARRY TAYLOR FILES LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH TECHNOLOGY PATHWAY FOR HIGH-DEMAND JOBS

SB 22 offers focused skills training from high school to college to the workplace

AUSTIN, TEXAS (February 8, 2017) . . . Senator Larry Taylor (R-Friendswood) announced the filing of Senate Bill 22, the P-TECH model legislation. P-TECH (Pathways in Technology Early College High School) is a program designed to create a direct pathway for students from high school to college to the workplace. The program is a partnership between school districts, higher education institutions, and business/industry under which P-TECH students receive focused education and skills that will prepare them for high-demand jobs.

Senator Taylor said, “the success of the Texas business environment depends on an educated and skilled workforce ready to contribute to our economy. The P-TECH model will provide a needed pathway for diverse post-secondary opportunities for many students and enhance our economic strength.”

Under the P-TECH model, a robust framework of career options is created that expands on traditional early college models to provide for completion of a high school diploma, an associate degree, a postsecondary certificate or industry certification, and work-based training that prepares students for high-skill, high wage industries.

Students participating in a P-TECH program benefit from inclusion in a curriculum spanning up to six years to ensure mastery of the academic, technical and essential workplace skills necessary to ensure successful preparation for employment.

Senator Larry Taylor is a lifelong Texan and Baylor University graduate raised in Friendswood. He and his wife Kerri have three adult children and one granddaughter. Senator Taylor owns Truman Taylor Insurance Agency in Friendswood, an independent agency started by his father 55 years ago. Prior to his election to the Texas Senate in 2012, he served five terms in the Texas House of Representatives. Senator Taylor represents Senate District 11, comprised of portions of Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris Counties.

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