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**Senator Miles Files Legislation to Launch Foster Transition Initiative**  
***SB 482 will help foster youth complete their education and receive assistance to find a job***

AUSTIN- Senator Borris L. Miles announced today that he has filed Senate Bill 482 to assist youth in the foster care system with access to higher education and career assistance.

"We need to ensure that we give foster youth and former foster youth the ability to complete their education and receive the tools to find a good-paying job," says Senator Miles. "I'm proud to file a bill that was a result of Governor Greg Abbott's Tri-Agency Workforce Initiative to ensure our foster youth will be successful."

Governor Abbott established the Tri-Agency Workforce Initiative in March 2016 and charged commissioners from the Texas Education Agency, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Workforce Commission to find solutions that would prepare the future workforce. In November 2016, the group released a report offering recommendations addressing the state's needs and opportunities to grow and prepare our workforce and economy.

"This bill would not only give foster youth and former foster youth the ability to complete their high school education, but to seek higher education, whether that be a university, community college or technical school. Jobs in fields like technology, engineering and information systems have an immediate need in Texas. This legislation will build our workforce for the future" said Senator Miles.

This is Senator Miles' first piece of legislation as a state senator. He is excited to join Governor Abbott to assist those in the foster care system to complete their education, receive the proper training and assistance to find a good-paying job.

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