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College and Workforce Readiness Examined

(Austin) – Legal and policy barriers to postsecondary success and workforce readiness are examined in a report recently released by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) as part of a two-year project funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The report, *Barriers to Implementing College and Workforce Readiness Initiatives in Texas*, focuses on legal, regulatory, and practical obstacles that keep students from making a successful transition from high school to college or the workforce.

Some findings in the report:

- The most important predictor of college success for an individual student is the degree of rigor of the high school curriculum.
- In college, students need different learning strategies and coping skills than they used in high school.
- Most states, including Texas, are struggling to recruit and retain well-qualified mathematics and science teachers for middle and high school.

For more information and the full report:

http://www.tasb.org/issues/resource_center/college_readiness/index.aspx