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H.B. No. 2179

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the addition of a service readiness component to the  
3 college, career, or military readiness outcomes bonus under the  
4 Foundation School Program.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 12.263(e), Education Code, as effective  
7 September 1, 2023, is amended to read as follows:

8 (e) For purposes of the college, career, ~~or~~ military, or  
9 service readiness outcomes bonus under Section 48.110,  
10 notwithstanding Subsection (f) of that section, an annual graduate  
11 of an adult education program operated under a charter granted  
12 under this subchapter demonstrates career readiness by earning an  
13 industry-accepted certificate not later than six months after  
14 completing the program.

15 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 48.110, Education Code,  
16 is amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 48.110. COLLEGE, CAREER, ~~OR~~ MILITARY, OR SERVICE  
18 READINESS OUTCOMES BONUS.

19 SECTION 3. Sections 48.110(b), (c), (d), (f), (g), and (i),  
20 Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

21 (b) For purposes of the outcomes bonus under this section,  
22 the commissioner shall determine the threshold percentage as  
23 provided by Subsection (g) for college, career, ~~or~~ military, or  
24 service readiness as described by Subsection (f) for each of the

1 following cohorts:

2 (1) annual graduates who are educationally  
3 disadvantaged;

4 (2) annual graduates who are not educationally  
5 disadvantaged; and

6 (3) annual graduates who are enrolled in a special  
7 education program under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, regardless of  
8 whether the annual graduates are educationally disadvantaged.

9 (c) Each year, the commissioner shall determine for each  
10 school district the minimum number of annual graduates in each  
11 cohort described by Subsection (b) who would have to demonstrate  
12 college, career, ~~or~~ military, or service readiness as described  
13 by Subsection (f) in order for the district to achieve a percentage  
14 of college, career, ~~or~~ military, or service readiness for that  
15 cohort equal to the threshold percentage established for that  
16 cohort under Subsection (b).

17 (d) For each annual graduate in a cohort described by  
18 Subsection (b) who demonstrates college, career, ~~or~~ military, or  
19 service readiness as described by Subsection (f) in excess of the  
20 minimum number of students determined for the applicable district  
21 cohort under Subsection (c), a school district is entitled to an  
22 annual outcomes bonus of:

23 (1) if the annual graduate is educationally  
24 disadvantaged, \$5,000;

25 (2) if the annual graduate is not educationally  
26 disadvantaged, \$3,000; and

27 (3) if the annual graduate is enrolled in a special

1 education program under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, \$2,000,  
2 regardless of whether the annual graduate is educationally  
3 disadvantaged.

4 (f) For purposes of this section, an annual graduate  
5 demonstrates:

6 (1) college readiness if the annual graduate:

7 (A) both:

8 (i) achieves college readiness standards  
9 used for accountability purposes under Chapter 39 on the ACT, the  
10 SAT, or an assessment instrument designated by the Texas Higher  
11 Education Coordinating Board under Section 51.334; and

12 (ii) during a time period established by  
13 commissioner rule, enrolls at a postsecondary educational  
14 institution; or

15 (B) earns an associate degree from a  
16 postsecondary educational institution approved by the Texas Higher  
17 Education Coordinating Board while attending high school or during  
18 a time period established by commissioner rule;

19 (2) career readiness if the annual graduate:

20 (A) achieves college readiness standards used  
21 for accountability purposes under Chapter 39 on the ACT, the SAT, or  
22 an assessment instrument designated by the Texas Higher Education  
23 Coordinating Board under Section 51.334; and

24 (B) during a time period established by  
25 commissioner rule, earns an industry-accepted certificate; ~~and~~

26 (3) military readiness if the annual graduate:

27 (A) achieves a passing score set by the

1 applicable military branch on the Armed Services Vocational  
2 Aptitude Battery; and

3 (B) during a time period established by  
4 commissioner rule, enlists in the armed forces of the United States  
5 or the Texas National Guard; and

6 (4) service readiness if the annual graduate enrolls  
7 in an AmeriCorps program not later than the last day of the seventh  
8 month after graduation from high school.

9 (g) The commissioner shall establish the threshold  
10 percentages under Subsection (b) using the 25th percentile of  
11 statewide college, career, [~~or~~] military, or service readiness as  
12 described by Subsection (f) for the applicable cohort of annual  
13 graduates during the 2016-2017 school year.

14 (i) At least 55 percent of the funds allocated under this  
15 section must be used in grades 8 through 12 to improve college,  
16 career, [~~and~~] military, and service readiness outcomes as described  
17 by Subsection (f).

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.