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H.B. No. 4893

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 4893:

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C.S.H.B. No. 4893

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a postsecondary advising program
for students who are the first in their families to pursue
postsecondary education or who are educationally disadvantaged.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 33, Education Code, is amended by adding
Subchapter H to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER H. BREAKTHROUGH PROGRAM

Sec. 33.301. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "program"
means the Breakthrough program established under this subchapter.

Sec. 33.302. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM. The commissioner
shall establish the Breakthrough program through which the agency
shall collaborate with a nonprofit organization to provide
postsecondary advising to students who are:

(1) the first in their families to pursue a
postsecondary certificate or degree; or

(2) educationally disadvantaged.

Sec. 33.303. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER AND AGENCY. (a) The
commissioner shall:

(1) coordinate the efforts of the program with social
service organizations and agencies and public school personnel to
provide services to students who are at risk of not completing
critical steps to graduate from high school and pursue
postsecondary education and career opportunities after high school

1 graduation;

2 (2) establish performance goals, objectives, and
3 measures for the program, including performance goals, objectives,
4 and measures for the improvement of student:

5 (A) academic achievement;

6 (B) promotion, retention, and graduation; and

7 (C) enrollment in postsecondary education;

8 (3) evaluate progress toward the performance goals,
9 objectives, and measures established under Subdivision (2);

10 (4) assist communities that seek to participate in the
11 program to establish a local funding base for a local program;

12 (5) provide training and technical assistance for
13 participating communities and local programs; and

14 (6) by rule adopt and annually update policies
15 concerning:

16 (A) the agency's responsibility in encouraging
17 local businesses to participate in the program;

18 (B) the agency's responsibility in obtaining
19 information from local programs; and

20 (C) other aspects of the program the commissioner
21 determines appropriate.

22 (b) The agency shall support the development and
23 implementation of local programs under the program.

24 Sec. 33.304. FUNDING FOR LOCAL PROGRAMS. (a) Each local
25 program shall develop a funding plan that ensures that the level of
26 services for the local program would be maintained if state funding
27 for the local program is reduced.

1 (b) A local program may accept federal money, state money,
2 donations, and grants for the local program.

3 Sec. 33.305. AGENCY PERFORMANCE OF PROGRAM FUNCTIONS
4 REQUIRED. The agency:

5 (1) must perform each function concerning the program
6 for which the agency is responsible; and

7 (2) may not contract with a private entity to perform a
8 function described by Subdivision (1).

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.