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S.B. No. 1809

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to conducting and financing the Texas Tech-Prep Program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.853, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) Tech-prep in Texas is conducted through the 26 regional tech-prep consortia participating in tech-prep as of January 1, 2005. Each tech-prep consortium serves the region served by the consortium as of that date, except that territory may be moved from one region to another with the consent of the affected tech-prep consortia and the board.

(a-1) Each regional tech-prep consortium is governed by a governing board composed of private sector and public sector leaders in the ratio agreed to by the participants in the consortium. A consortium at local option may consolidate governing board members and staff with an eligible local entity to achieve administrative efficiencies and operational coordination. The combined entity shall maintain a proper separation of funds and comply with all applicable legal requirements involving the use of separate funds.

SECTION 2. Section 61.854(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In each fiscal year, the board, as the agent of the Texas

1 Education Agency, shall allot the federal tech-prep implementation  
2 money this state receives and any additional state or federal money  
3 received, designated, or appropriated to support implementation of  
4 articulated secondary-postsecondary programs, enhanced  
5 secondary-postsecondary collaboration, model sequences of courses  
6 linked to tech-prep programs, or secondary-postsecondary career  
7 pathway partnerships to the regional tech-prep consortia for  
8 regional administration according to regionally developed plans  
9 designed to meet federal, state, and regional goals. The board  
10 shall allot the money to tech-prep consortia in accordance with a  
11 formula adopted by the board, after a public hearing and in  
12 consultation with interested state entities and local consortia,  
13 that addresses the differing needs of the consortia due to urban or  
14 rural populations, special populations, number of tech-prep  
15 programs and students, and other factors determined by the board.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.