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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1050 By: Zaffirini

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the administration of the work-study student mentorship
1-11 program by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 56.079, Education Code, is amended to
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 56.079. WORK-STUDY STUDENT MENTORSHIP PROGRAM.

1-16 (a) In this section:

1-17 (1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher
1-18 Education Coordinating Board.

1-19 (2) "Eligible institution" means:

1-20 (A) an institution of higher education; or

1-21 (B) a private or independent institution of
1-22 higher education, as defined by Section 61.003(15), other than a
1-23 private or independent institution of higher education offering
1-24 only professional or graduate degrees.

1-25 (3) "Participating entity" means an eligible
1-26 institution, a school district, or a nonprofit organization that
1-27 has filed a memorandum of understanding with the coordinating board
1-28 under this section to participate in the work-study student
1-29 mentorship program established under this section~~["general~~
1-30 ~~academic teaching institution" has the meaning assigned by Section~~
1-31 ~~61.003].~~

1-32 (b) In accordance with this section and coordinating board
1-33 rules, the coordinating board shall administer ~~[A general academic~~
1-34 ~~teaching institution may establish]~~ a work-study student
1-35 mentorship program under which students who are enrolled ~~[in their~~
1-36 ~~junior or senior year]~~ at participating eligible institutions ~~[the~~
1-37 ~~institution]~~ and who meet the eligibility requirements for
1-38 employment in the Texas college work-study program under Section
1-39 56.075 may be employed by participating entities ~~[the institution]~~
1-40 under the Texas college work-study program to:

1-41 (1) mentor students at participating eligible
1-42 institutions or high school students in participating school
1-43 districts; or

1-44 (2) counsel high school students at GO Centers or
1-45 similar high school-based recruiting centers designed to improve
1-46 student access to higher education ~~[who are on academic probation~~
1-47 ~~at the institution].~~

1-48 (c) To participate in the work-study student mentorship
1-49 program, an eligible institution and one or more school districts
1-50 or nonprofit organizations interested in jointly participating in
1-51 the program shall file with the coordinating board a joint
1-52 memorandum of understanding detailing the roles and
1-53 responsibilities of the participating entities.

1-54 (d) The coordinating board, in consultation with eligible
1-55 institutions, school districts, and nonprofit organizations that
1-56 express interest in participating in the work-study student
1-57 mentorship program, shall develop a standard contract establishing
1-58 the roles and responsibilities of participating entities to be used
1-59 as a model for a memorandum of understanding entered into by
1-60 participating entities under Subsection (c).

1-61 (e) The coordinating board:

1-62 (1) shall establish criteria to ensure that the
1-63 participating eligible institution's contribution toward the wages

2-1 and benefits of a student employed as a mentor under the work-study
 2-2 student mentorship program is matched by funds provided by the
 2-3 participating entity benefiting from the services of the employed
 2-4 student in an amount that is at least equal to the amount of the
 2-5 participating eligible institution's contribution;
 2-6 (2) may accept appropriate in-kind contributions from
 2-7 participating nonprofit organizations to satisfy the matching
 2-8 funds requirement of this subsection; and
 2-9 (3) may waive the matching funds requirement of this
 2-10 subsection for a participating entity that meets criteria
 2-11 established by the coordinating board for a waiver.
 2-12 (f) The coordinating board shall partner with participating
 2-13 nonprofit organizations to establish additional GO Centers or
 2-14 similar high school-based recruiting centers designed to improve
 2-15 student access to higher education in this state.
 2-16 (g) The coordinating board shall ensure that each student
 2-17 employed under the work-study student mentorship program:
 2-18 (1) receives appropriate training and supervision;
 2-19 and
 2-20 (2) is paid at least at the minimum wage required by
 2-21 law.
 2-22 (h) The coordinating board may accept gifts, grants, and
 2-23 donations from any public or private source for the purposes of this
 2-24 section.
 2-25 (i) An eligible [~~A general academic teaching~~] institution
 2-26 participating in the [~~that has established a~~] work-study student
 2-27 mentorship program under this section may require students who are
 2-28 on academic probation at the institution to be matched with a
 2-29 student mentor employed under the program.
 2-30 (j) [~~(d)~~] Not later than November 1 of each year, each
 2-31 eligible [~~general academic teaching~~] institution participating in
 2-32 the [~~that has established a~~] work-study student mentorship program
 2-33 [~~under this section~~] shall submit to the coordinating board [~~Texas~~
 2-34 ~~Higher Education Coordinating Board~~] a report regarding the
 2-35 progress resulting from [~~of~~] the institution's participation in the
 2-36 program. The report must include:
 2-37 (1) the number of students of the institution employed
 2-38 [~~by the institution~~] as mentors under the program in the preceding
 2-39 academic year;
 2-40 (2) the number of students of the institution
 2-41 receiving mentoring under the program in the preceding academic
 2-42 year;
 2-43 (3) the number of high school students receiving
 2-44 mentoring or counseling from students of the institution under the
 2-45 program in the preceding academic year;
 2-46 (4) [~~and~~] information relating to the costs of the
 2-47 program; and
 2-48 (5) if available, information in the form prescribed
 2-49 by the coordinating board regarding the following indicators of
 2-50 [~~and~~] the academic progress of the students of the institution
 2-51 employed as mentors under the program, students of the institution
 2-52 receiving mentoring under the program, and the high school students
 2-53 receiving mentoring or counseling from students of the institution
 2-54 under the program:
 2-55 (A) changes in grade point averages;
 2-56 (B) changes in graduation rates;
 2-57 (C) changes in the percentage of high school
 2-58 students who enroll in higher education; and
 2-59 (D) effects on higher education readiness and
 2-60 preparation [~~in that year~~].
 2-61 (k) [~~(e)~~] Each eligible [~~general academic teaching~~]
 2-62 institution participating in the [~~that has established a~~]
 2-63 work-study student mentorship program under this section shall set
 2-64 aside a portion of the institution's Texas college work-study
 2-65 program funds to pay for the state's contribution toward the costs
 2-66 of the program.
 2-67 (l) [~~(f)~~] Notwithstanding Section 56.076, a participating
 2-68 entity [~~a general academic teaching institution~~] that employs a
 2-69 student mentor under the work-study student mentorship program

3-1 shall provide from sources other than federal college work-study
3-2 funds:

3-3 (1) not less than 10 percent of the employed student's
3-4 wages; and

3-5 (2) 100 percent of other employee benefits for the
3-6 employed student.

3-7 SECTION 2. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
3-8 shall adopt rules relating to the administration of the work-study
3-9 student mentorship program under Section 56.079, Education Code, as
3-10 amended by this Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date
3-11 of this Act.

3-12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3-13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3-14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3-15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3-16 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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