

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Morrison

H.B. No. 2425

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to engineering recruitment programs at public or private institutions of higher education and to certain degree programs at public junior colleges.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.791(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board shall establish and administer, using funds appropriated for that purpose, a one-week summer program to take place on the campus of each general academic teaching institution or private or independent institution of higher education that offers an engineering degree program. The summer program must be designed for middle and high school students and to expose those students to math, science, and engineering concepts that a student in an engineering degree program may encounter.

SECTION 2. Sections 61.792(a) and (b), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The board shall establish and administer, using funds appropriated for that purpose, scholarships for students pursuing a degree in engineering at a general academic teaching institution or a private or independent institution of higher education.

(b) To qualify for a scholarship under this section, a student must:

(1) have graduated with a grade point average in the

top 20 percent of the student's high school graduating class;

(2) have graduated from high school with a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a four-point scale or the equivalent in mathematics and science courses offered under the recommended or advanced high school program under Section 28.025(a); and

(3) maintain an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 on a four-point scale at the general academic teaching institution or the private or independent institution of higher education in which the student is enrolled.

SECTION 3. Sections 130.0012(a) and (b), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall authorize a public junior college ~~[colleges]~~ to offer a baccalaureate degree program that qualifies under Subsection (e) if:

(1) the program is ~~[programs]~~ in the field ~~[fields]~~ of applied science or ~~[and]~~ applied technology; or

(2) the public junior college previously participated in a pilot project to offer baccalaureate degree programs ~~[under this section. Offering a baccalaureate degree program under this section does not otherwise alter the role and mission of a public junior college].~~

(b) Offering a baccalaureate degree program under this section does not otherwise alter the role and mission of a public junior college. ~~[The coordinating board shall authorize baccalaureate degree programs at each public junior college that previously participated in a pilot project to offer baccalaureate~~

1 ~~degree programs.]~~

2 SECTION 4. (a) Sections 61.791 and 61.792, Education Code,
3 as amended by this Act, apply beginning with the 2009-2010 academic
4 year.

5 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
6 adopt rules for the administration of Sections 61.791 and 61.792,
7 Education Code, as amended by this Act, as soon as practicable after
8 this Act takes effect. For that purpose, the coordinating board may
9 adopt the rules in the manner provided by law for emergency rules.

10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

ADOPTED

MAY 27 2009

Atty. Gen.
Secretary of the Senate

[Signature]

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2425:

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7 least 3.0 on a four-point scale at the general academic teaching
8 institution or the private or independent institution of higher
9 education in which the student is enrolled.

10 SECTION 3. Section 130.0012, Education Code, is amended by
11 adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:

12 (k) The board shall conduct a study relating to the success
13 of baccalaureate degree programs offered under this section and to
14 the feasibility of expanding the offering of baccalaureate degrees
15 by public junior colleges. The study must consider the economic
16 viability of expanding the degree programs, the workforce needs
17 served by the degree programs for various areas of the state,
18 current and potential university course offerings, and other
19 methods for making baccalaureate degrees available, such as
20 distance education programs and multi-institutional teaching
21 centers. Not later than November 15, 2010, the board shall report
22 the results of the study to each standing committee of the
23 legislature with primary jurisdiction over higher education. This
24 subsection expires January 1, 2011.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 27, 2009

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2425 by Morrison (Relating to engineering recruitment programs at public or private institutions of higher education and to certain degree programs at public junior colleges.), As Passed 2nd House

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would allow private and independent institutions of higher education to participate in the engineering recruitment program administered by the Higher Education Coordinating Board. The program provides funding for one-week summer programs designed to expose middle and high school students to math, science, and engineering concepts and engineering scholarships.

Section 3 of the bill would direct THECB to study the success of baccalaureate degree programs offered at public community colleges.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

LBB Staff: JOB, SZ, KK, RT, JAW

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 22, 2009

TO: Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2425 by Morrison (relating to engineering recruitment programs at public or private institutions of higher education and to certain degree programs at public junior colleges.),
Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

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May 15, 2009

TO: Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2425 by Morrison (Relating to engineering recruitment programs at public or private institutions of higher education and to certain degree programs at public junior colleges.), **As Engrossed**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2425, As Engrossed: a negative impact of (\$500,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2011.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2010	(\$250,000)
2011	(\$250,000)
2012	(\$165,000)
2013	(\$165,000)
2014	(\$165,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1
2010	(\$250,000)
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Fiscal Analysis

The bill would allow private and independent institutions of higher education to participate in the engineering recruitment program administered by the Higher Education Coordinating Board. The program provides funding for one-week summer programs designed to expose middle and high school students to math, science and engineering concepts and engineering scholarships.

The bill would direct the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to authorize the creation of one Bachelor of Applied Technology (B.A.T.) degree program at an unspecified community college district, provided the program is in the field of applied science or applied technology, or if the district currently offers an existing B.A.T. program.

Methodology

Provisions of the bill relating to the engineering recruitment program would not have a significant impact to the State.

The bill would not require a state contribution to fund the B.A.T. program authorized by the bill.

However, in the past, the state has provided two sorts of support for the three existing pilot B.A.T. programs: start-up funding and formula funding.

Start-up Funding: Assuming \$0.25 million in start-up funding is provided by the state in the fiscal year 2010-11 biennium, the start-up cost for the single new B.A.T. program would total \$0.25 million per year.

Formula Funding: Using current formula contribution levels for the three existing B.A.T. programs (averaging about \$165,000 per year per district) as an estimated measure of the annual formula contribution cost for the new B.A.T. program, the formula funding cost would be about \$165,000 per year, starting in fiscal year 2012.

Local Government Impact

If a local community college district is authorized to offer a new BAT program, the district would, unless the state provides assistance, bear the initial costs of starting up the new program, until such a time when the state may provide formula contributions for the new program.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 27, 2009

TO: Honorable Dan Branch, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2425 by Morrison (Relating to engineering recruitment programs established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.), **As Introduced**

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