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H.B. No. 3397

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to formula funding for continuing workforce education  
3 courses offered by public junior colleges.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 61.059, Education Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (b-2) to read as follows:

7 (b-2) In developing the formulas under this section for the  
8 allocation of state funds to public junior colleges, the board  
9 shall include appropriate base funding amounts for continuing  
10 education workforce courses offered by public junior colleges for  
11 which credit toward a certificate or associate's degree is not  
12 awarded, to the extent those courses are consistent with the role  
13 and mission of a public junior college and are designed to prepare  
14 students with skills necessary to attain external workforce  
15 credentials, including certifications and licenses, or employment  
16 in specific high-demand occupations, and regardless of whether the  
17 courses are part of a recognized sequence of courses that requires a  
18 specific number of contact hours.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.