

By: Perry

S.C.R. No. 19

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Workforce Commission would be better able
2 to serve struggling single-parent families if it were able to use
3 funds from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program to
4 partner with charitable organizations and community colleges to
5 provide child care, education, and job training; and

6 WHEREAS, Buckner Family Pathways, which currently operates
7 in eight Texas cities, presents a worthy model for aiding
8 disadvantaged single-parent families; the program joins with
9 community colleges to help single parents pursue higher education
10 by assisting them with tuition, child care, and housing; the
11 initiative also works to equip parents with a range of valuable
12 tools, including money management, communication skills, and
13 conflict resolution training; and

14 WHEREAS, The proven model of Buckner Family Pathways is one
15 the State of Texas should emulate, and allowing the Texas Workforce
16 Commission greater flexibility with TANF funds would go a long way
17 in pursuing that worthwhile endeavor; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
19 hereby request that the Texas Workforce Commission seek a waiver
20 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that would
21 allow TWC to have the flexibility to use funds from the Temporary
22 Assistance for Needy Families program to partner with charitable
23 organizations and community colleges to provide child care,
24 education, and job training; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That the chief clerk forward an official copy of
2 this resolution to the director of the Texas Workforce Commission.