BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Commercial driver's license (CDL) certificate programs at public junior colleges provide specialized and behind-the-wheel training for persons seeking a Class A or Class B license through the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas. Although such programs yield a similar outcome as many other workforce certification programs at public junior colleges, persons receiving a CDL certificate are not included among those counted for the 60x30TX completion goal. H.B. 4206 would require the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to include persons who receive a CDL certificate in their data and within the 60x30TX Progress Report.

H.B. 4206 amends current law relating to a requirement that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board include the number of commercial driver's license training program certificates awarded by a public junior college in measuring the achievement of certificate and degree completion goals under the state's master plan for higher education.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 61.051, Education Code, to require the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), in measuring the achievement of certificate and degree completion goals under the long-range master plan developed by THECB under Subsection (a-1) (relating to requiring THECB to develop a long-range master plan that meets certain criteria), to include the number of commercial driver's license training program certificates awarded by a public junior college.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.