

AN ACT

relating to the criteria for awarding adult education and literacy program performance incentive funds.

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

SECTION 1. Section 315.007, Labor Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

(c) The criteria prescribed under Subsection (b)(1) for the award of funds to entities described by Subsection (a) based on performance during a program year must include the achievement by an entity of the following enrollment target and performance benchmarks:

(1) the enrollment in a high school equivalency program or a postsecondary ability to benefit program of at least 25 percent of all students receiving adult education and literacy services from the entity during that program year; and

(2) the achievement by the end of that program year of a high school equivalency certificate or a postsecondary certificate by at least 70 percent of those students who exit the entity's adult education program during that program year and who are enrolled in a high school equivalency program or a postsecondary ability to benefit program.

(d) The process developed under this section must require the members of the commission to approve the award of any funds under this chapter.

1 (e) In this section, "postsecondary ability to benefit
2 program" means a postsecondary certificate program in which a
3 person who does not have a high school diploma or equivalency
4 certificate and who both qualifies for federal student financial
5 aid and demonstrates on an assessment instrument that the person
6 can pass college-level courses with some support may enroll.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1949 was passed by the House on April 26, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1949 on May 23, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1949 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 19, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor