

1-1 By: Turner of Tarrant, et al. H.B. No. 2030
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - West, Powell)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2021;
 1-4 May 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
 1-5 Education; May 21, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-6 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0;
 1-7 May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18	X			

1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2030 By: West

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the establishment by the Texas Higher Education
 1-23 Coordinating Board of a grant program for regional postsecondary
 1-24 education collaboratives.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-26 SECTION 1. Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding
 1-27 Subchapter W to read as follows:

1-28 SUBCHAPTER W. REGIONAL POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
 1-29 COLLABORATIVES GRANT PROGRAM

1-30 Sec. 61.931. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

1-31 (1) "Low-income student" means a student who is
 1-32 eligible to receive a grant under the federal Pell Grant program or
 1-33 has equivalent need, as determined by board rule.

1-34 (2) "Regional postsecondary education collaborative"
 1-35 means a partnership or other collaboration between stakeholders in
 1-36 education that is focused on improving postsecondary educational
 1-37 outcomes in a region of the state.

1-38 Sec. 61.932. GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The board shall establish
 1-39 and administer a competitive grant program under which the board
 1-40 awards grants to eligible regional postsecondary education
 1-41 collaboratives to improve postsecondary educational outcomes for
 1-42 low-income students in the state.

1-43 (b) In awarding grants under the program, the board shall
 1-44 give priority to eligible regional postsecondary education
 1-45 collaboratives that:

1-46 (1) focus on supporting low-income students; or
 1-47 (2) have a demonstrated connection to targeted
 1-48 workforce fields, as determined by the board.

1-49 Sec. 61.933. ELIGIBILITY. To be eligible to receive a grant
 1-50 under this subchapter, a regional postsecondary education
 1-51 collaborative must:

1-52 (1) include at least one school district and public
 1-53 junior college;

1-54 (2) raise a minimum amount of funding from other
 1-55 sources for the collaborative's costs, as established by board
 1-56 rule;

1-57 (3) develop and submit to the board a plan detailing
 1-58 how the collaborative would use grant funds awarded under this
 1-59 subchapter in a manner permitted under Section 61.935;

1-60 (4) build partnerships committed to changing

2-1 postsecondary education systems and improving postsecondary
2-2 educational outcomes through the use of data, mutual
2-3 accountability, and engagement between a student and the student's
2-4 community;
2-5 (5) measure the collaborative's success by achievement
2-6 of increasing postsecondary enrollment and completion at any
2-7 institution of higher education or private or independent
2-8 institution of higher education and career entry for all students
2-9 the collaborative assists;
2-10 (6) provide personalized outreach to students and
2-11 parents or caregivers;
2-12 (7) provide proactive, holistic supports to assist
2-13 students in postsecondary persistence and completion and in
2-14 connecting with employers; and
2-15 (8) satisfy any additional requirements established
2-16 by board rule.
2-17 Sec. 61.934. GRANT AMOUNT. (a) A grant awarded to an
2-18 eligible regional postsecondary education collaborative under the
2-19 program must be made for a period sufficient to cover the enrollment
2-20 in, persistence in, and timely completion of a certificate or
2-21 degree program for two consecutive cohorts of students.
2-22 (b) Each grant consists of, for each cohort:
2-23 (1) an initial amount at the beginning of the first
2-24 academic year for which the grant is awarded equal to \$1,000 for
2-25 each low-income student who:
2-26 (A) graduated in the preceding school year from a
2-27 high school participating in the collaborative; and
2-28 (B) enrolls at an institution of higher education
2-29 or a private or independent institution of higher education for
2-30 that academic year; and
2-31 (2) at the end of each academic year for which the
2-32 grant is awarded, a bonus for each student described by Subdivision
2-33 (1) who:
2-34 (A) persists, as determined by board rule, at an
2-35 institution of higher education or a private or independent
2-36 institution of higher education; or
2-37 (B) timely completes a certificate or degree
2-38 program, as determined by board rule, at an institution of higher
2-39 education or a private or independent institution of higher
2-40 education.
2-41 (c) Subject to Subsection (e), the bonus per student under
2-42 Subsection (b)(2)(A) is an amount equal to \$25 million divided by
2-43 the total number of students who qualify for the bonus.
2-44 (d) Subject to Subsection (e), the bonus per student under
2-45 Subsection (b)(2)(B) is an amount equal to \$20 million divided by
2-46 the total number of students who qualify for the bonus.
2-47 (e) The amount of a bonus under Subsection (b)(2)(A) or (B)
2-48 may not exceed \$2,000 per student.
2-49 Sec. 61.935. GRANT USE. (a) Subject to Subsection (b), a
2-50 grant awarded to an eligible regional postsecondary education
2-51 collaborative under this subchapter may be used only for:
2-52 (1) staff support for the collaborative;
2-53 (2) student services designed to increase
2-54 postsecondary enrollment, persistence, and completion;
2-55 (3) student financial assistance;
2-56 (4) programs that provide training for jobs in
2-57 targeted workforce fields, as determined by the board; and
2-58 (5) other expenses approved by the board.
2-59 (b) A grant awarded under this subchapter may not be used to
2-60 pay for a student's tuition at an institution of higher education or
2-61 a private or independent institution of higher education.
2-62 Sec. 61.936. REPORTING. (a) Each regional postsecondary
2-63 education collaborative that receives a grant under this subchapter
2-64 shall collect and report to the board information regarding
2-65 postsecondary enrollment, persistence, and completion,
2-66 disaggregated by category and semester or term, as required by the
2-67 board to assist the board in fulfilling its duties under this
2-68 subchapter.
2-69 (b) Not later than December 1 of each year, the board shall

3-1 submit to the legislature a report on the effectiveness of the grant
3-2 program established under this subchapter and any recommendations
3-3 for legislative or other action.

3-4 Sec. 61.937. RULES. The board may adopt rules as necessary
3-5 to implement this subchapter.

3-6 Sec. 61.938. FEDERAL FUNDING CONTINGENCY. The board is
3-7 required to implement the grant program established under this
3-8 subchapter only if federal funding is provided to the board for that
3-9 purpose as part of any federal coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
3-10 relief spending appropriated on or after January 1, 2021. If such
3-11 funding is not provided for that purpose, the board may, but is not
3-12 required to, implement the grant program using other money
3-13 available to the board for that purpose.

3-14 Sec. 61.939. EXPIRATION. This subchapter expires October
3-15 1, 2024.

3-16 SECTION 2. (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating
3-17 Board shall adopt rules to administer Subchapter W, Chapter 61,
3-18 Education Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after
3-19 the effective date of this Act.

3-20 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
3-21 begin awarding grants under Subchapter W, Chapter 61, Education
3-22 Code, as added by this Act, for the first academic year for which
3-23 federal funding is appropriated for that purpose.

3-24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3-25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3-26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3-27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3-28 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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