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H.B. No. 2827

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the transfer to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
3 Board of certain responsibilities relating to postsecondary
4 education and career counseling.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 33.009(a), (b), (c), (e), (h), and (i),
7 Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

8 (a) In this section, "coordinating board" [~~"center"~~] means
9 the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board [~~Center for Teaching
10 and Learning at The University of Texas at Austin~~].

11 (b) The coordinating board [~~center~~] shall develop and make
12 available postsecondary education and career counseling academies
13 for school counselors and other postsecondary advisors employed by
14 a school district at a middle school, junior high school, or high
15 school.

16 (c) In developing academies under this section, the
17 coordinating board [~~center~~] shall solicit input from the agency,
18 school counselors, the Texas Workforce Commission, institutions of
19 higher education, and business, community, and school leaders.

20 (e) The coordinating board [~~center~~] shall develop an online
21 instructional program that school districts may use in providing
22 the instruction in high school, college, and career preparation
23 required by Section 28.016. The program must be structured for use
24 as part of an existing course.

1 (h) From funds appropriated for that purpose, a school
2 counselor who attends the academy under this section is entitled to
3 receive a stipend in the amount determined by the coordinating
4 board [~~center~~]. If funds are available after all eligible school
5 counselors have received a stipend under this subsection, the
6 coordinating board [~~center~~] shall pay a stipend in the amount
7 determined by the coordinating board [~~center~~] to a teacher who
8 attends the academy under this section. A stipend received under
9 this subsection is not considered in determining whether a district
10 is paying the school counselor or teacher the minimum monthly
11 salary under Section 21.402.

12 (i) From available funds appropriated for purposes of this
13 section, the coordinating board [~~center~~] may provide to school
14 counselors and other educators curricula, instructional materials,
15 and technological tools relating to postsecondary education and
16 career counseling.

17 SECTION 2. Sections 33.009(f) and (j), Education Code, are
18 repealed.

19 SECTION 3. 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, 2021.