

1-1 By: González of El Paso H.B. No. 2827  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini)  
 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 19, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-6 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the transfer to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating  
 1-21 Board of certain responsibilities relating to postsecondary  
 1-22 education and career counseling.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Sections 33.009(a), (b), (c), (e), (h), and (i),  
 1-25 Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-26 (a) In this section, "coordinating board" [~~"center"~~] means  
 1-27 the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board [~~Center for Teaching~~  
 1-28 ~~and Learning at The University of Texas at Austin~~].

1-29 (b) The coordinating board [~~center~~] shall develop and make  
 1-30 available postsecondary education and career counseling academies  
 1-31 for school counselors and other postsecondary advisors employed by  
 1-32 a school district at a middle school, junior high school, or high  
 1-33 school.

1-34 (c) In developing academies under this section, the  
 1-35 coordinating board [~~center~~] shall solicit input from the agency,  
 1-36 school counselors, the Texas Workforce Commission, institutions of  
 1-37 higher education, and business, community, and school leaders.

1-38 (e) The coordinating board [~~center~~] shall develop an online  
 1-39 instructional program that school districts may use in providing  
 1-40 the instruction in high school, college, and career preparation  
 1-41 required by Section 28.016. The program must be structured for use  
 1-42 as part of an existing course.

1-43 (h) From funds appropriated for that purpose, a school  
 1-44 counselor who attends the academy under this section is entitled to  
 1-45 receive a stipend in the amount determined by the coordinating  
 1-46 board [~~center~~]. If funds are available after all eligible school  
 1-47 counselors have received a stipend under this subsection, the  
 1-48 coordinating board [~~center~~] shall pay a stipend in the amount  
 1-49 determined by the coordinating board [~~center~~] to a teacher who  
 1-50 attends the academy under this section. A stipend received under  
 1-51 this subsection is not considered in determining whether a district  
 1-52 is paying the school counselor or teacher the minimum monthly  
 1-53 salary under Section 21.402.

1-54 (i) From available funds appropriated for purposes of this  
 1-55 section, the coordinating board [~~center~~] may provide to school  
 1-56 counselors and other educators curricula, instructional materials,  
 1-57 and technological tools relating to postsecondary education and  
 1-58 career counseling.

1-59 SECTION 2. Sections 33.009(f) and (j), Education Code, are  
 1-60 repealed.

1-61 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

2-1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-4 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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