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S.B. No. 959

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to student success-based funding recommendations for  
3 certain continuing workforce education courses offered by public  
4 junior colleges.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 61.0593, Education Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

8 (f-1) In making its recommendations under Subsection (f)  
9 relating to institutional appropriations of incentive funds for  
10 public junior colleges based on achievement on student success  
11 measures, the board shall incorporate the consideration of student  
12 success measures, and include appropriate funding recommendations  
13 based on those success measures, achieved in qualified continuing  
14 workforce education courses offered by those colleges for which  
15 credit toward a certificate or associate's degree is not awarded.  
16 For purposes of this subsection, a continuing workforce education  
17 course is considered qualified if the course is consistent with the  
18 role and mission of a public junior college and is designed to  
19 prepare students with skills necessary to attain external workforce  
20 credentials, including a certification or license, or employment in  
21 a specific high-demand occupation, regardless of whether the course  
22 is part of a recognized sequence of courses that requires a specific  
23 number of contact hours.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.