

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

1 number of contact hours.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 959 passed the Senate on April 14, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 959 passed the House, with amendment, on May 24, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 120, Nays 26, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor