

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 959  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2021; March 11, 2021, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
 1-4 April 8, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
 1-5 Nays 0; April 8, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to student success-based funding recommendations for  
 1-20 certain continuing workforce education courses offered by public  
 1-21 junior colleges.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 61.0593, Education Code, is amended by  
 1-24 adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

1-25 (f-1) In making its recommendations under Subsection (f)  
 1-26 relating to institutional appropriations of incentive funds for  
 1-27 public junior colleges based on achievement on student success  
 1-28 measures, the board shall incorporate the consideration of student  
 1-29 success measures, and include appropriate funding recommendations  
 1-30 based on those success measures, achieved in qualified continuing  
 1-31 workforce education courses offered by those colleges for which  
 1-32 credit toward a certificate or associate's degree is not awarded.  
 1-33 For purposes of this subsection, a continuing workforce education  
 1-34 course is considered qualified if the course is consistent with the  
 1-35 role and mission of a public junior college and is designed to  
 1-36 prepare students with skills necessary to attain external workforce  
 1-37 credentials, including a certification or license, or employment in  
 1-38 a specific high-demand occupation, regardless of whether the course  
 1-39 is part of a recognized sequence of courses that requires a specific  
 1-40 number of contact hours.

1-41 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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