

AN ACT

relating to establishing the Texas Commission on Community College Finance.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 130, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 130.1305 to read as follows:

Sec. 130.1305. TEXAS COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE FINANCE. (a) The Texas Commission on Community College Finance is established to make recommendations for consideration by the 88th Texas Legislature regarding the state funding formula and funding levels for public junior colleges in Texas that would be sufficient to sustain viable junior college education and training offerings throughout the state and improve student outcomes in alignment with state postsecondary goals.

(b) The commission is composed of 12 members as follows:

(1) four members appointed by the governor;

(2) three members appointed by the lieutenant governor;

(3) three members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(4) one member appointed by the board of the Texas Association of Community Colleges; and

(5) one member appointed by the board of the Community College Association of Texas Trustees.

1 (c) One of the members appointed by the governor must be a
2 faculty member at a public junior college as defined by Section
3 61.003, and the other members appointed by the governor must be
4 representatives of junior college leaders, business leaders, or
5 other stakeholders knowledgeable in junior college mission,
6 instructional programs, and finance.

7 (d) Members appointed by the lieutenant governor shall
8 consist of:

9 (1) two members of the senate; and

10 (2) one individual who is an administrator of a public
11 junior college as defined by Section 61.003, a business leader, or a
12 stakeholder knowledgeable in junior college mission, instructional
13 programs, and finance.

14 (e) Members appointed by the speaker of the house of
15 representatives shall consist of:

16 (1) two members of the house of representatives; and

17 (2) an administrator from a public junior college as
18 defined by Section 61.003.

19 (f) In making appointments, the governor, lieutenant
20 governor, and speaker of the house of representatives shall
21 coordinate to ensure that the membership of the commission
22 reflects, to the extent possible, the geographic diversity of Texas
23 public junior colleges and the ethnic diversity of the communities
24 served by those junior colleges.

25 (g) The commission shall convene not later than October 15,
26 2021, and shall continue its activities until completion of a final
27 report.

1 (h) The commission shall examine trend and forecast data,
2 seek stakeholder input, and account for equity in student outcomes
3 and based on its findings, make recommendations on:

4 (1) the components of state funding for public junior
5 colleges, including contact hour funding formulas established for
6 public junior colleges under Subchapter C, Chapter 61, and
7 Subchapter A of this chapter; and

8 (2) the feasibility of establishing shared service
9 agreements or interinstitutional collaborations through which
10 institutions of higher education may perform administrative
11 services, other than direct instruction and student support
12 services, for other institutions of higher education for a fee or
13 other consideration.

14 (i) To inform the recommendations required under Subsection
15 (h), the commission may examine and make recommendations on other
16 policy and finance matters, including:

17 (1) workforce demand and skills gaps;
18 (2) dual credit programs and costs;
19 (3) variation between taxing districts and service
20 areas;

21 (4) student graduation, transfer, and success
22 metrics; and

23 (5) the relationship between economic cycles and
24 student enrollment.

25 (j) The commission may seek resource support, including
26 data analyses and technical assistance, from the Texas Higher
27 Education Coordinating Board, the Texas Association of Community

1 Colleges, and research organizations. The commission may accept
2 gifts, grants, and donations from any source to be used to carry out
3 a function of the commission.

4 (k) The governor shall designate the presiding officer of
5 the commission.

6 (l) The commission shall submit a final report and
7 recommendations to the governor, lieutenant governor, and both
8 houses of the legislature not later than November 1, 2022.

9 (m) This section expires January 1, 2023.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1230 passed the Senate on April 23, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 13, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1230 passed the House, with amendment, on May 7, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 119, Nays 15, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor