

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3211
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Higher Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Texas State Technical College (TSTC) currently operates 10 locations across Texas, and it continues to expand, offering degrees and certifications across wide-ranging programs. TSTC's unique returned value funding model ties TSTC's funding to the job placement rate and earned wages of TSTC students after they leave TSTC. TSTC focuses its program mix on high-wage jobs in high-demand fields and builds its curricula around the skills necessary for TSTC students to obtain and keep those jobs. As a result, TSTC itself is in high demand among Texas employers and Texas communities for the key role it plays in economic development. Local community and business leaders have expressed an interest in hosting a new TSTC campus to serve Denton County-area employers and to provide training to area residents that will result in rewarding careers yielding high wages. H.B. 3211 seeks to establish a TSTC campus in Denton County.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3211 amends the Education Code to expand the composition of the Texas State Technical College System to include a campus located in Denton County.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2023.