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H.B. No. 4092

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the methods to achieve a college, career, or military outcomes bonus under the Foundation School Program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 48.110, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (f) and (h) and adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(f) For purposes of this section, an annual graduate demonstrates:

(1) college readiness if the annual graduate:

(A) both:

(i) achieves college readiness standards used for accountability purposes under Chapter 39 on the ACT, the SAT, or an assessment instrument designated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under Section 51.334; and

(ii) not later than one year after graduation from high school, earns a minimum of 12 non-remedial semester credit hours [~~during a time period established by commissioner rule, enrolls~~] at a postsecondary educational institution; or

(B) earns an associate degree from a postsecondary educational institution approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board while attending high school or during a time period established by commissioner rule;

1 (2) career readiness if the annual graduate:

2 (A) achieves college readiness standards used
3 for accountability purposes under Chapter 39 on the ACT, the SAT, or
4 an assessment instrument designated by the Texas Higher Education
5 Coordinating Board under Section 51.334; and

6 (B) not later than one year after graduation from
7 high school:

8 (i) [~~during a time period established by~~
9 ~~commissioner rule,~~] earns a credential of value as defined by Texas
10 Higher Education Coordinating Board rule or included in a library
11 of credentials established under Section 2308A.007, Government
12 Code;

13 (ii) is employed at or above a salary level
14 equal to 100 percent of the median wage of jobs in the graduate's
15 region, as determined by the commissioner using the most recent
16 information available from sources the commissioner considers
17 reliable, including the Texas Workforce Commission, the
18 comptroller, and the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics; or

19 (iii) is enrolled in or has completed an
20 apprenticeship program recognized or approved by the Office of
21 Apprenticeship of the United States Department of Labor or an
22 industry-recognized apprenticeship approved or certified by the
23 Texas Workforce Commission [~~an industry-accepted certificate~~]; and

24 (3) military readiness if the annual graduate:

25 (A) achieves a passing score set by the
26 applicable military branch on the Armed Services Vocational
27 Aptitude Battery; and

1 (B) during a time period established by
2 commissioner rule, enlists in the armed forces of the United States
3 or the Texas National Guard.

4 (h) On application by a school district, the commissioner
5 may allow annual graduates from the district to satisfy the
6 requirement for demonstrating career readiness under Subsection
7 (f)(2)(B)(i) [~~(f)(2)(B)~~] by successfully completing a coherent
8 sequence of courses required to obtain a credential of value as
9 described by that subparagraph [~~an industry-accepted certificate~~].

10 The district must demonstrate in the application that neither the
11 district nor a postsecondary institution located within 30 miles of
12 a student's campus is able [~~unable~~] to provide sufficient courses
13 or programs to enable students enrolled at the district to actually
14 earn a credential of value [~~an industry-accepted certificate~~]
15 within the time period established [~~by the commissioner~~] under
16 Subsection (f)(2)(B). The commissioner by rule shall provide the
17 criteria required for an application under this subsection.

18 (j) The commissioner shall adopt rules permitting a school
19 district to award to an annual graduate who voluntarily reports
20 information described by Subsection (f) to the district a portion
21 of the outcomes bonus to which the district is entitled for an
22 annual graduate under this section.

23 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024
24 school year.

25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.