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Submitted to the Committee on Higher Education
For HB 2920

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The Texas Association of Workforce Boards (TAWB) respectfully submits the following testimony in SUPPORT of HB 2920 to the House Higher Education Committee.

TAWB represents the 28 Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) in Texas and the more than 700 business and community leaders across Texas who serve as volunteers on those boards. The 28 LWDBs in Texas are responsible for the planning, oversight, and evaluation of workforce development activities in their respective areas, with key functions including Employer Engagement, Workforce Stakeholder Partnerships, Career Pathways Development and Coordination with Education & Training Providers.

We believe the measures included in HB 2920 will help facilitate improved career decisions among Texas students, which will in turn lead to positive outcomes for both Texas employers and job seekers. We believe these outcomes would be further enhanced if language were added to the bill requiring the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to seek input from LWDB's in compiling and assessing the value of post-secondary credentials.

We wish to thank the members of the House Higher Education Committee for this opportunity to share information we trust will be helpful to you in your deliberations. TAWB stands ready to provide additional information during the 88th Texas Legislature.

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Texas Parent to Parent is a statewide nonprofit serving 14,000 families of children and adults with disabilities. We thank you for this opportunity. We are FOR HB2920 which causes TEA to create a comparison of colleges and universities located in Texas.

In addition to the data stated in the bill, we propose that this website also state 1) Percent of students served by 504 who remain after freshman year, 2) Percent of students served by 504 who graduate, and 3) Average salary of graduates who were served by 504. Approximately 10% of students at the college level are served by 504, and this data would be of utmost importance when selecting a school.

Please contact us should you wish our assistance.