

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The current funding system rewards public junior colleges for student transfers to public four-year institutions but lack similar incentives for transfers to private universities, potentially skewing student options, straining community college private university relationships, and leading to uneven resource distribution. Senate Bill 49 would expand funding incentives to include several student transfers from public junior colleges to private four-year universities in Texas. This change would ensure all students receive equal support, regardless of their transfer destination, be it a public or private university.

As proposed, S.B. 49 amends current law relating to performance tier funding under the public junior college state finance program.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 130A.101(c), Education Code, as follows:

(c) Provides that the measurable outcomes considered for purposes of performance tier funding are certain outcomes, including the number of students who earn at least 15 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the junior college district and subsequently transfer to a private or independent institution of higher education, as that term is defined by Section 61.003 (Definitions), that offers four-year degree programs. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2025.