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S.B. No. 685

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to performance tier funding under the public junior college state finance program.

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

SECTION 1. Section [130A.101\(c\)](#), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The measurable outcomes considered for purposes of performance tier funding are:

(1) the number of credentials of value awarded, as determined by the coordinating board based on analyses of wages and costs associated with the credential, including degrees, certificates, and other credentials from credit and non-credit programs that equip students for continued learning and greater earnings in the state economy, with an additional weight for placement of students who earn that credential in a high-demand occupation, as defined by coordinating board rule, or an appropriate proxy determined by the coordinating board based on available data;

(2) the number of students who earn at least 15 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the junior college district and:

(A) subsequently transfer to:

(i) a general academic teaching institution, as that term is defined by Section [61.003](#);

1 (ii) a private or independent institution
2 of higher education, as that term is defined by Section 61.003, that
3 offers four-year degree programs; or

4 (iii) a public or private four-year
5 postsecondary educational institution in another state that is
6 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States
7 Department of Education; or

8 (B) are enrolled in a structured co-enrollment
9 program, as authorized by coordinating board rule; and

10 (3) the number of students who complete a sequence of
11 at least 15 semester credit hours or the equivalent for dual credit
12 or dual enrollment courses, as defined by coordinating board rule,
13 that apply toward academic or workforce program requirements at the
14 postsecondary level.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.