

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 2055
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2025; March 17, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;
1-4 April 24, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10,
1-5 Nays 0; April 24, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Creighton	X		
1-9	Campbell	X		
1-10	Bettencourt		X	
1-11	Hagenbuch	X		
1-12	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-13	King	X		
1-14	Menéndez	X		
1-15	Middleton	X		
1-16	Parker	X		
1-17	Paxton	X		
1-18	West	X		

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to participation in the Texas Leadership Scholars Program.
1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-23 SECTION 1. Section 61.891, Education Code, is amended by
1-24 adding Subdivision (4) to read as follows:

1-25 (4) "Eligible institution" means a general academic
1-26 teaching institution as defined by Section 61.003.

1-27 SECTION 2. Section 61.897, Education Code, is amended by
1-28 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
1-29 follows:

1-30 (a) The board, in consultation with general academic
1-31 teaching institutions, shall adopt rules for the administration of
1-32 the program, including rules providing for the amount and
1-33 permissible uses of a scholarship awarded under the program. The
1-34 rules must provide that:

1-35 (1) the amount of a research scholarship is at least
1-36 150 percent of the amount of a leadership scholarship; ~~and~~

1-37 (2) a student may not receive a scholarship under
1-38 either the leadership or research scholarship program for more than
1-39 four years per student per program; and

1-40 (3) each eligible institution receives at least one
1-41 research scholarship award with remaining research scholarships
1-42 awarded to eligible institutions based, in part, on the number of
1-43 research doctoral degrees awarded by each institution.

1-44 (a-1) In adopting rules under this subchapter, the board may
1-45 not adopt a rule that:

1-46 (1) limits the general academic teaching institutions
1-47 that may participate in the program; or

1-48 (2) gives preference to students enrolled in certain
1-49 general academic teaching institutions.

1-50 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
1-51 of this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
1-52 adopt rules to implement Section 61.897, Education Code, as
1-53 amended by this Act.

1-54 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-55 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-56 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-57 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-58 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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