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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to performance incentive funding for public institutions  
3 of higher education and to recognition of certain student  
4 achievement on degree completion.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding  
7 Subchapter FF to read as follows:

## SUBCHAPTER FF. PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE FUNDING

9           Sec. 61.9801. PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE FUNDING FOR CERTAIN  
10       GENERAL ACADEMIC TEACHING INSTITUTIONS. (a) This section applies  
11       only to general academic teaching institutions other than public  
12       state colleges.

(c) who was 20 years of age or older on the date

1        the student initially enrolled in the institution;  
2                    (D) who initially enrolled in the institution for  
3        less than 12 semester credit hours during a fall or spring semester;  
4                    (E) who did not receive a high school diploma but  
5        received a high school equivalency certificate;  
6                    (F) who may not be claimed by any other person as  
7        a dependent for federal income tax purposes but may claim at least  
8        one other person as a dependent for federal income tax purposes; or  
9                    (G) who is a single parent.

27 (d) For each state fiscal year, the board shall distribute

1 any performance incentive funds appropriated by the legislature for  
2 the purposes of this section, and any other funds made available for  
3 the purposes of this section, to institutions to which this section  
4 applies in proportion to the increase, if any, in the average number  
5 of degrees awarded annually by each institution in the two most  
6 recent fiscal years from the average number of degrees awarded  
7 annually by that institution in the two fiscal years immediately  
8 preceding those fiscal years, using the weights assigned to each  
9 degree under the table prescribed by Subsection (e).

10       (e) A number of points is assigned for each degree awarded  
11 by an eligible institution, other than a degree awarded to an  
12 international student, according to the following table:

	<u>POINTS</u>
14 <u>Noncritical Field/Not At-Risk Student</u>	<u>1.0</u>
15 <u>Noncritical Field/At-Risk Student</u>	<u>2.0</u>
16 <u>Critical Field/Not At-Risk Student</u>	<u>2.0</u>
17 <u>Critical Field/At-Risk Student</u>	<u>3.0</u>

18       Sec. 61.9802. PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC  
19 JUNIOR COLLEGES, PUBLIC TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, AND PUBLIC STATE  
20 COLLEGES. (a) This section applies only to the following  
21 institutions of higher education:

22       (1) public junior colleges;  
23       (2) public technical institutes; and  
24       (3) public state colleges.

25       (b) In this section:

26       (1) "At-risk student" means a student of an  
27 institution to which this section applies:

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6 (C) who was 20 years of age or older on the date  
7 the student enrolled in the institution for the first time;

18                   (c) Except as otherwise provided under Subdivision (2), the  
19                   fields of engineering technology, computer science, mathematics,  
20                   physical science, allied health, and nursing are critical fields.  
21                   Beginning September 1, 2011, the board, based on the board's  
22                   determination of those fields of study in which the support and  
23                   development of postsecondary education programs at the  
24                   lower-division level are most critically necessary for serving the  
25                   needs of this state, by rule may:

1 critical field; or

2           (2) remove a field of study from the list of fields  
3 currently designated by this subsection or by the board as critical  
4 fields.

5           (d) For each state fiscal year, the board shall distribute  
6 any performance incentive funds appropriated by the legislature for  
7 the purposes of this section, and any other funds made available for  
8 the purposes of this section, to institutions to which this section  
9 applies in proportion to the increase, if any, in the average number  
10 of student transfers described by Subsection (g) and degrees and  
11 certificates awarded annually by each institution in the two most  
12 recent fiscal years from the average number of student transfers  
13 described by Subsection (g) and degrees and certificates awarded  
14 annually by that institution in the two fiscal years immediately  
15 preceding those fiscal years, using the weights assigned to each  
16 student transfer or degree or certificate under the table  
17 prescribed by Subsection (h).

18           (e) Points may not be assigned under Subsection (h) for any  
19 degree or certificate awarded:

20           (1) in a program on a topic or at a level that the board  
21 determines does not merit funding under this section; or  
22           (2) to an international student.

23           (f) Points may not be assigned under Subsection (h) for both  
24 a student's certificate or degree and the student's transfer.  
25 Points must be assigned for the student only in the category under  
26 Subsection (h) in which the highest number of points will be  
27 assigned for the student.

1        (g) Points may be assigned for a student transfer under  
2        Subsection (h) only for a student of the institution who completed  
3        at least 30 but not more than 70 semester credit hours at the  
4        institution with a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a  
5        four-point scale or the equivalent before transferring to a general  
6        academic teaching institution other than a public state college.

7        (h) A number of points is assigned for each degree awarded  
8        or student transfer by an eligible institution according to the  
9        following table:

	<u>POINTS</u>
11 <u>Level 1 Certificate/Noncritical Field/Not</u>	<u>1.0</u>
12 <u>At-Risk Student</u>	
13 <u>Level 1 Certificate/Noncritical</u>	<u>1.5</u>
14 <u>Field/At-Risk Student</u>	
15 <u>Level 1 Certificate/Critical Field/Not</u>	<u>1.5</u>
16 <u>At-Risk Student</u>	
17 <u>Level 1 Certificate/Critical Field/At-Risk</u>	<u>2.0</u>
18 <u>Student</u>	
19 <u>Level 2 Certificate/Noncritical Field/Not</u>	<u>1.5</u>
20 <u>At-Risk Student</u>	
21 <u>Level 2 Certificate/Noncritical</u>	<u>2.0</u>
22 <u>Field/At-Risk Student</u>	
23 <u>Level 2 Certificate/Critical Field/Not</u>	<u>2.0</u>
24 <u>At-Risk Student</u>	
25 <u>Level 2 Certificate/Critical Field/At-Risk</u>	<u>2.5</u>
26 <u>Student</u>	

1	<u>Associate's Degree/Noncritical Field/Not</u>	<u>2.0</u>
2	<u>At-Risk Student</u>	
3	<u>Associate's Degree/Noncritical Field/At-Risk</u>	<u>2.5</u>
4	<u>Student</u>	
5	<u>Associate's Degree/Critical Field/Not</u>	<u>2.5</u>
6	<u>At-Risk Student</u>	
7	<u>Associate's Degree/Critical Field/At-Risk</u>	<u>3.0</u>
8	<u>Student</u>	
9	<u>Student Transfer</u>	<u>2.0</u>

10           Sec. 61.9803. PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE FUNDING FOR MEDICAL AND  
11           DENTAL UNITS. (a) This section applies only to medical and dental  
12           units.

13           (b) For each state fiscal year, the board shall distribute  
14           any performance incentive funds appropriated by the legislature for  
15           the purposes of this section, and any other funds made available for  
16           the purposes of this section, to institutions to which this section  
17           applies in proportion to the increase, if any, in the average number  
18           of degrees and certificates awarded by, and medical residencies  
19           completed at, each institution annually in the two most recent  
20           fiscal years from the average number of degrees and certificates  
21           awarded by, and medical residencies completed at, that institution  
22           annually in the two fiscal years immediately preceding those fiscal  
23           years, using the weights assigned to each degree, certificate, or  
24           medical residency completion under the table prescribed by  
25           Subsection (c).

26           (c) A number of points is assigned for each degree or  
27           certificate awarded by, or medical residency completed at, an

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1 eligible institution, other than a degree or certificate awarded to  
2 or a medical residency completed by an international student,  
3 according to the following table:

| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 | 101 | 102 | 103 | 104 | 105 | 106 | 107 | 108 | 109 | 110 | 111 | 112 | 113 | 114 | 115 | 116 | 117 | 118 | 119 | 120 | 121 | 122 | 123 | 124 | 125 | 126 | 127 | 128 | 129 | 130 | 131 | 132 | 133 | 134 | 135 | 136 | 137 | 138 | 139 | 140 | 141 | 142 | 143 | 144 | 145 | 146 | 147 | 148 | 149 | 150 | 151 | 152 | 153 | 154 | 155 | 156 | 157 | 158 | 159 | 160 | 161 | 162 | 163 | 164 | 165 | 166 | 167 | 168 | 169 | 170 | 171 | 172 | 173 | 174 | 175 | 176 | 177 | 178 | 179 | 180 | 181 | 182 | 183 | 184 | 185 | 186 | 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1     Excellence Award Program, under which the board annually:  
2                 (1)    presents a Texas Academic Excellence Award to each  
3    graduate of an institution of higher education whose licensing  
4    examination score or end-of-degree examination score exceeds the  
5    national average of students' scores on that examination or, if the  
6    examination is not administered nationally, exceeds the statewide  
7    average of students' scores on that examination; and

8                 (2)    provides funds to the institutions of higher  
9    education from which the award recipients graduated in accordance  
10   with Subsection (c).

11                 (c)    For each state fiscal year, the board shall distribute  
12    any funds appropriated by the legislature for the purposes of this  
13    subsection, and any other funds made available for purposes of this  
14    subsection, to the institutions of higher education from which the  
15    Texas Academic Excellence Award recipients for that year graduated,  
16    in proportion to the number of degrees awarded by each institution  
17    to students receiving the award for that year, weighted according  
18    to the weights assigned to the degrees under the table prescribed by  
19    Section 61.9801(e), 61.9802(h), or 61.9803(c), as applicable,  
20    including any additional weights assigned to students who are  
21    at-risk students or who graduated with a degree in a critical field.

22                 (d)    The board shall hire consultants to assist the board in  
23    determining which end-of-degree examinations to approve for  
24    purposes of this section.

25                 Sec. 61.9805.    RULES.    The board shall adopt rules for the  
26    administration of this subchapter.

27                 Sec. 61.9806.    REPORT BY INSTITUTIONS TO BOARD.    Not later

1 than September 1 of each year, each institution of higher education  
2 shall compile and submit to the board, in accordance with rules  
3 adopted by the board, a report that includes the following data  
4 regarding each student who was awarded a degree or certificate by  
5 the institution, completed a medical residency with the  
6 institution, or transferred from the institution to a general  
7 academic teaching institution other than a public state college,  
8 during the preceding state fiscal year:

9                   (1) the student's scores on the Scholastic Assessment  
10 Test (SAT) and American College Test (ACT);

11                   (2) for a student who transferred from the institution  
12 without completing a degree or certificate, the number of semester  
13 credit hours completed by the student at the institution;

14                   (3) the student's grade point average on all course  
15 work completed at the institution;

16                   (4) whether the student received a grant under the  
17 federal Pell Grant program;

18                   (5) the age of the student on the date the student  
19 initially enrolled in the institution;

20                   (6) whether the student initially enrolled in the  
21 institution for less than 12 semester credit hours during a fall or  
22 spring semester;

23                   (7) whether the student is an international student;

24                   (8) whether any degree or certificate awarded to the  
25 student by the institution is in a field designated as a critical  
26 field under Section 61.9801 or Section 61.9802; and

27                   (9) any other information required by the board.

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1           Sec. 61.9807. REPORT TO BOARD AND LEGISLATURE BY EDUCATION  
2    RESEARCH CENTER REGARDING EVALUATION OF POINT ASSIGNMENTS. Each  
3    state fiscal biennium, the board shall provide for the evaluation  
4    by an education research center established under Section 1.005 of  
5    the points assigned under Sections 61.9801, 61.9802, and 61.9803.  
6    Not later than June 1 of each even-numbered year, the education  
7    research center shall submit to the board and the legislature a  
8    written report regarding the center's evaluation under this  
9    section, including any recommendations for changes to the points  
10   assigned under those sections.

11           SECTION 2. Section 61.0591, Education Code, is repealed.

12           SECTION 3. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
13 shall adopt rules relating to the administration of Subchapter FF,  
14 Chapter 61, Education Code, as added by this Act, as soon as  
15 practicable after the effective date of this Act.

16           SECTION 4. Section 61.9804, Education Code, as added by  
17 this Act, applies beginning with licensing examinations and  
18 end-of-degree examinations administered on or after September 1,  
19 2011.

20           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.