

AN ACT

relating to the requirements for employment positions provided through the Texas college work-study program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56.076, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 56.076. ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER. (a) An eligible institution may enter into agreements with employers that participate in the work-study program. To be eligible to participate in the work-study program, an employer must:

(1) provide part-time employment to an eligible student in nonpartisan and nonsectarian activities;

(2) provide, insofar as is practicable, employment to an eligible student that is related to the student's academic interests;

(3) use Texas college work-study program positions only to supplement and not to supplant positions normally filled by persons not eligible to participate in the work-study program;

(4) provide from sources other than federal college work-study program funds a percentage of an employed student's wages that is equal to the percentage of a student's wages that the employer would be required to provide to the student in that academic year under the federal college work-study program; and

(5) provide from sources other than federal college

1 work-study funds 100 percent of other employee benefits for the
2 employed student.

3 (b) Each eligible institution shall ensure that at least 20
4 percent but not more than 50 percent of the employment positions
5 provided through the work-study program in an academic year are
6 provided by employers eligible under this section who are providing
7 employment located off campus.

8 SECTION 2. Section 56.079(1), Education Code, is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) Notwithstanding Section 56.076(a) [~~56.076~~], a
11 participating entity that employs a student mentor under the
12 work-study student mentorship program shall provide from sources
13 other than federal college work-study funds:

14 (1) not less than 10 percent of the employed student's
15 wages; and

16 (2) 100 percent of other employee benefits for the
17 employed student.

18 SECTION 3. Subchapter E, Chapter 56, Education Code, is
19 amended by adding Section 56.082 to read as follows:

20 Sec. 56.082. BIENNIAL REPORT. (a) Not later than January
21 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Texas Higher Education
22 Coordinating Board shall submit to the standing legislative
23 committees with primary jurisdiction over higher education and post
24 on the coordinating board's Internet website a report on the Texas
25 college work-study program. The report must include the total
26 number of students employed through the program, disaggregated by:

27 (1) the employment position's location on or off

1 campus; and

2 (2) the employer's status as a for-profit or nonprofit
3 entity.

4 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the Texas Higher
5 Education Coordinating Board shall submit its initial report under
6 that subsection not later than May 1, 2019. This subsection expires
7 September 1, 2019.

8 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections
9 56.076 and 56.079, Education Code, apply to participation in the
10 Texas college work-study program beginning with the 2016-2017
11 academic year.

12 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1750 passed the Senate on April 16, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2; May 25, 2015, Senate refused to concur in House amendment and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 27, 2015, House granted request of the Senate; May 30, 2015, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1750 passed the House, with amendment, on May 22, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 123, Nays 15, two present not voting; May 27, 2015, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 30, 2015, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 4, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor