

1-1 By: Taylor of Galveston S.B. No. 2082
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2017; March 28, 2017, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
1-4 April 20, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; April 20, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the work-study student mentorship program administered
1-18 by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Sections 56.079(b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (i),
1-21 Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-22 (b) In accordance with this section and coordinating board
1-23 rules, the coordinating board shall administer a work-study student
1-24 mentorship program under which students who are enrolled at
1-25 participating eligible institutions and who meet the eligibility
1-26 requirements for employment in the Texas college work-study program
1-27 under Section 56.075 may be employed by participating entities
1-28 under the Texas college work-study program to:

1-29 (1) mentor students at participating eligible
1-30 institutions or high school students in participating school
1-31 districts; ~~or~~

1-32 (2) counsel high school students at GO Centers or
1-33 similar high school-based recruiting centers designed to improve
1-34 student access to higher education; or

1-35 (3) support student interventions at participating
1-36 eligible institutions that are focused on increasing completion of
1-37 degrees or certificates, such as interventions occurring through
1-38 advising or supplemental instruction.

1-39 (c) To participate in the work-study student mentorship
1-40 program under Subsection (b)(1) or (2), an eligible institution and
1-41 one or more school districts or nonprofit organizations interested
1-42 in jointly participating in the program shall file with the
1-43 coordinating board a joint memorandum of understanding detailing
1-44 the roles and responsibilities of the participating entities.

1-45 (d) The coordinating board shall develop, when applicable
1-46 and in consultation with eligible institutions, school districts,
1-47 and nonprofit organizations that express interest in participating
1-48 in the work-study student mentorship program, ~~shall develop~~ a
1-49 standard contract establishing the roles and responsibilities of
1-50 participating entities to be used as a model for a memorandum of
1-51 understanding entered into by participating entities under
1-52 Subsection (c).

1-53 (e) The coordinating board:

1-54 (1) shall establish criteria to ensure that the
1-55 participating eligible institution's contribution toward the wages
1-56 and benefits of a student employed ~~as a mentor~~ under the
1-57 work-study student mentorship program as provided by Subsection
1-58 (b)(1) or (2) is matched by funds provided by the participating
1-59 entity benefiting from the services of the employed student in an
1-60 amount that is at least equal to the amount of the participating
1-61 eligible institution's contribution;

2-1 (2) may accept appropriate in-kind contributions from
2-2 participating nonprofit organizations to satisfy the matching
2-3 funds requirement of this subsection; and

2-4 (3) may waive the matching funds requirement of this
2-5 subsection for a participating entity that meets criteria
2-6 established by the coordinating board for a waiver.

2-7 (f) The coordinating board may [~~shall~~] partner with
2-8 participating nonprofit organizations to establish additional GO
2-9 Centers or similar high school-based recruiting centers designed to
2-10 improve student access to and success in higher education in this
2-11 state.

2-12 (i) An eligible institution participating in the work-study
2-13 student mentorship program under this section may require students
2-14 who are on academic probation at the institution to be matched with
2-15 a student mentor or advisor employed under the program.

2-16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-20 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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