

1-1 By: Burns, et al. (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 1590  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 13, 2023;  
 1-3 May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher  
 1-4 Education; May 22, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-5 Committee Substitute from Committee on Education by the following  
 1-6 vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 22, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-13	X			
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1-20	X			
1-21	X			

1-22 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1590 By: Flores

1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to the establishment of the Texas Leadership Scholars  
 1-26 Program.

1-27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-28 SECTION 1. Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding  
 1-29 Subchapter T-3 to read as follows:

1-30 SUBCHAPTER T-3. TEXAS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS PROGRAM

1-31 Sec. 61.891. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

1-32 (1) "Leadership scholarship" means a scholarship  
 1-33 awarded to an undergraduate student under the program.

1-34 (2) "Program" means the Texas Leadership Scholars  
 1-35 Program established under this subchapter.

1-36 (3) "Research scholarship" means a scholarship  
 1-37 awarded to a graduate student under the program.

1-38 Sec. 61.892. ESTABLISHMENT; ADMINISTRATION. (a) The Texas  
 1-39 Leadership Scholars Program is established to serve as a  
 1-40 merit-based scholarship and leadership opportunity program for  
 1-41 high-achieving, emerging leaders with financial need.

1-42 (b) Using money appropriated or otherwise available for the  
 1-43 purpose, the board shall award scholarships and provide academic  
 1-44 achievement support and leadership development to eligible  
 1-45 students under the program.

1-46 (c) The board shall administer the program. The board may  
 1-47 contract with one or more institutions of higher education to  
 1-48 assist in administering the program, including receiving and  
 1-49 reviewing applications, recommending the distribution of funds to  
 1-50 institutions of higher education, and developing criteria for the  
 1-51 selection of students for the program.

1-52 (d) The board may establish one or more advisory committees  
 1-53 for the purpose of recommending rules for the administration of the  
 1-54 program.

1-55 Sec. 61.893. INITIAL ELIGIBILITY. (a) To be initially  
 1-56 eligible for the award of a leadership scholarship, an  
 1-57 undergraduate student must:

1-58 (1) have graduated from a public high school in this  
 1-59 state;

1-60 (2) either:

- 2-1 (A) have qualified for automatic admission to a  
 2-2 general academic teaching institution under Section 51.803; or  
 2-3 (B) be nominated by the student's high school for  
 2-4 participation in the program and hold another academic distinction  
 2-5 recognized by the board;  
 2-6 (3) be enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program at a  
 2-7 general academic teaching institution;  
 2-8 (4) be economically disadvantaged, as determined by  
 2-9 board rule; and  
 2-10 (5) comply with any additional requirement adopted by  
 2-11 the board.  
 2-12 (b) To be initially eligible for the award of a research  
 2-13 scholarship, a graduate student must:  
 2-14 (1) be enrolled in a research doctoral degree program  
 2-15 at a general academic teaching institution;  
 2-16 (2) either:  
 2-17 (A) have graduated from a public high school in  
 2-18 this state during the 10 years preceding the date of the student's  
 2-19 application to the program; or  
 2-20 (B) have graduated from an institution of higher  
 2-21 education or a private or independent institution of higher  
 2-22 education;  
 2-23 (3) be economically disadvantaged, as determined by  
 2-24 board rule;  
 2-25 (4) be nominated by the institution at which the  
 2-26 student is enrolled on the basis of the student's academic merit and  
 2-27 leadership potential; and  
 2-28 (5) comply with any additional requirements adopted by  
 2-29 the board.  
 2-30 Sec. 61.894. CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY. After establishing  
 2-31 initial eligibility to participate in the program under Section  
 2-32 61.893, a student may continue participating in the program only if  
 2-33 the student:  
 2-34 (1) remains:  
 2-35 (A) for a leadership scholarship, enrolled in a  
 2-36 baccalaureate degree program at a general academic teaching  
 2-37 institution; or  
 2-38 (B) for a research scholarship, enrolled in a  
 2-39 research doctoral degree program at a general academic teaching  
 2-40 institution;  
 2-41 (2) maintains a minimum overall grade point average  
 2-42 determined by board rule; and  
 2-43 (3) complies with any additional requirement adopted  
 2-44 by the board.  
 2-45 Sec. 61.895. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP  
 2-46 DEVELOPMENT. The board may enter into agreements with general  
 2-47 academic teaching institutions or other institutions of higher  
 2-48 education to provide students participating in the program with:  
 2-49 (1) research-based support to make satisfactory  
 2-50 academic progress and graduate on time; and  
 2-51 (2) leadership development opportunities, including:  
 2-52 (A) program cohort learning communities;  
 2-53 (B) mentoring, research, and internship  
 2-54 opportunities;  
 2-55 (C) networking with state government, business,  
 2-56 and civic leaders; and  
 2-57 (D) statewide cohort learning institutes or  
 2-58 seminars.  
 2-59 Sec. 61.896. GRANTS, GIFTS, AND DONATIONS. The board may  
 2-60 solicit, accept, and spend grants, gifts, and donations from any  
 2-61 public or private source for the purposes of the program.  
 2-62 Sec. 61.897. RULES. (a) The board, in consultation with  
 2-63 general academic teaching institutions, shall adopt rules for the  
 2-64 administration of the program, including rules providing for the  
 2-65 amount and permissible uses of a scholarship awarded under the  
 2-66 program. The rules must provide that:  
 2-67 (1) the amount of a research scholarship is at least  
 2-68 150 percent of the amount of a leadership scholarship; and  
 2-69 (2) a student may not receive a scholarship under the

3-1 program for more than four years.

3-2 (b) Notwithstanding Section 61.033, the board is not  
3-3 required to use negotiated rulemaking procedures under Chapter  
3-4 2008, Government Code, for the adoption of rules under this  
3-5 subchapter.

3-6 SECTION 2. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
3-7 shall adopt rules to administer Subchapter T-3, Chapter 61,  
3-8 Education Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after  
3-9 the effective date of this Act.

3-10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3-11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3-12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3-13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3-14 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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