

1-1 By: Harris Davila, et al. H.B. No. 4848
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa of Nueces)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 19, 2025;
 1-4 May 19, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-5 Education K-16; May 25, 2025, reported favorably by the following
 1-6 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 25, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to requiring that competency-based baccalaureate degree
 1-23 programs be offered at certain public institutions of higher
 1-24 education.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
 1-27 amended by adding Section 51.3535 to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 51.3535. RESPONSIBILITY OF SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION
 1-29 REGARDING COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION. (a) In this section:

1-30 (1) "Competency-based baccalaureate degree program"
 1-31 has the meaning assigned by Section 56.521.

1-32 (2) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher
 1-33 Education Coordinating Board.

1-34 (b) Subject to coordinating board approval under Section
 1-35 61.0512, the system administration of each system shall ensure that
 1-36 one or more institutions of higher education in the system offer
 1-37 competency-based baccalaureate degree programs in each field of
 1-38 study in high demand, as determined by coordinating board rule.

1-39 (c) Subject to adjustment under Subsection (d), a
 1-40 competency-based baccalaureate degree program offered under this
 1-41 section may not exceed a total cost to an enrolled student of an
 1-42 amount equal to one-half of the average cost of attendance at an
 1-43 institution of higher education, as determined by coordinating
 1-44 board rule.

1-45 (d) Beginning with the 2027-2028 academic year, the
 1-46 coordinating board shall annually adjust the limit described by
 1-47 Subsection (c) for the preceding academic year by the rate of
 1-48 inflation for the preceding academic year, as determined on the
 1-49 basis of changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers
 1-50 published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States
 1-51 Department of Labor.

1-52 (e) The coordinating board may adopt rules as necessary to
 1-53 administer this section.

1-54 SECTION 2. Section 51.3535, Education Code, as added by
 1-55 this Act, applies beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year.

1-56 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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