

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 2055
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2025; March 17, 2025, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;
 1-4 April 24, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 24, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to participation in the Texas Leadership Scholars Program.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 61.891, Education Code, is amended by
 1-24 adding Subdivision (4) to read as follows:

1-25 (4) "Eligible institution" means a general academic
 1-26 teaching institution as defined by Section 61.003.

1-27 SECTION 2. Section 61.897, Education Code, is amended by
 1-28 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
 1-29 follows:

1-30 (a) The board, in consultation with general academic
 1-31 teaching institutions, shall adopt rules for the administration of
 1-32 the program, including rules providing for the amount and
 1-33 permissible uses of a scholarship awarded under the program. The
 1-34 rules must provide that:

1-35 (1) the amount of a research scholarship is at least
 1-36 150 percent of the amount of a leadership scholarship; ~~and~~

1-37 (2) a student may not receive a scholarship under
 1-38 either the leadership or research scholarship program for more than
 1-39 four years per student per program; and

1-40 (3) each eligible institution receives at least one
 1-41 research scholarship award with remaining research scholarships
 1-42 awarded to eligible institutions based, in part, on the number of
 1-43 research doctoral degrees awarded by each institution.

1-44 (a-1) In adopting rules under this subchapter, the board may
 1-45 not adopt a rule that:

1-46 (1) limits the general academic teaching institutions
 1-47 that may participate in the program; or

1-48 (2) gives preference to students enrolled in certain
 1-49 general academic teaching institutions.

1-50 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
 1-51 of this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
 1-52 adopt rules to implement Section 61.897, Education Code, as
 1-53 amended by this Act.

1-54 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-55 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-56 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-57 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-58 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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