

CHAPTER 374

S.B. No. 239

AN ACT

relating to funding for certain public institutions of higher education.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0592 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0592. FUNDING FOR CERTAIN FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS. (a) This section applies to Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi and The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 61.059 of this code, a formula adopted by the board under that section that provides a differential rate for each semester credit hour between four-year general academic teaching institutions and upper-level institutions shall be modified and applied as provided by this section to a university to which this section applies.

(c) In addition to other funding that a university to which this section applies is entitled to receive, the university is entitled to receive additional funds in accordance with this section.

(d) The formula for four-year general academic teaching institutions shall be applied to all lower-division semester credit hours at a university to which this section applies.

(e) For the first two state fiscal years that begin after a university to which this section applies first admits lower-division students or offers lower-division courses, the formula for upper-level general academic teaching institutions shall be applied to upper-division semester credit hours at the university.

(f) Beginning with the third state fiscal year that begins after a university to which this section applies first admits lower-division students or offers lower-division courses, the formula for four-year general academic teaching institutions shall be applied to upper-division semester credit hours at the university, except that the board shall modify the formula to provide the university additional funding equal to a percent of the difference between the amount derived from the application of the four-year formula to the university's upper-division semester credit hours and the amount derived from the application of the upper-level formula to those semester credit hours. The percent to be applied to that difference is 87.5 percent for the first fiscal year to which this subsection applies and is reduced by 12.5 percentage points for each subsequent fiscal year.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on March 8, 1993; Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 22, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 2, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.