



TALKING POINTS

89th Legislative Session



Improving and Enhancing HB 8 (88R)

- Ensure that state appropriations for outcomes are fully funded for FY25 and the FY26-27 biennium; and
- Amend the State Performance Tier, allowing an outcome to count for students successfully transferring to a private institution of higher education after completing 15 Semester Credit Hours at a public junior college.

Improving Access to Nursing Clinical Rotation Slots

- Advance strategic expansion of opportunities for clinical nursing education despite out-of-state educational providers moving into Texas; and
- Assess whether circumstances benefit or adversely impact the state's investment in existing programs.

Scale Workforce Partnerships

- Support the continuation and coordination of the state's workforce education grant programs for community college students; and
- Programs should include but not be limited to TRUE, Lone Star Workforce for the Future, Skills Development Fund, and JET.

State Agency Workforce Credentials

- Build on the success of existing law (HB 584/88R) that allows the Department of Information Resources to partner with community colleges to develop a credential for expedited agency employment that addresses workforce shortages; and
- Support new legislation that extends this opportunity to other state agencies.

Objective: Building a Talent Strong Texas. *

**Expands on the successes and progress of the 60x30TX plan by increasing employment opportunities and income for individuals; creates a deeper talent pool for employers and aligns students' skills with workforce demands.*