

1 **Texas Prekindergarten Partnership Summit**
2 **Discussion Paper**

3 **Background**

4 The Texas Workforce Commission’s (TWC) Child Care and Early Learning department is
5 working with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) on the implementation of the prekindergarten
6 (pre-K) provisions contained in House Bill (HB) 3, 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session
7 (2019). TEA has posted information on its website about legislative changes to establish full-day
8 pre-K for eligible four-year-old children.¹

9 HB 3 allows for lead education agencies (LEAs) to offer pre-K services through public-private
10 partnerships.² Pre-K services may be offered through Texas Rising Star (TRS) 3- or 4-Star
11 Program providers. To facilitate the development of public-private partnerships, TWC and TEA
12 are discussing training and coordination opportunities and have identified an opportunity to
13 leverage an event that Children at Risk and the United Way of Texas are developing.

14 **Issue**

15 Children at Risk and the United Way of Texas are seeking foundation funding to support a Texas
16 Prekindergarten Partnership Summit in the spring of 2020. The summit will be held in Houston
17 and will be an opportunity for Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) and LEAs to
18 meet, learn about pre-K partnership models that can support public-private pre-K classrooms,
19 and collaborate on opportunities to develop models locally.

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21 TWC funding would support the cost of Boards’ attendance. Travel amounts for each Board will
22 vary based on the number attending and distance from the event.

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24 **Decision Point**

25 Staff seeks direction on providing approximately \$65,000 in funding to Boards to support their
26 attendance at the Texas Prekindergarten Partnership Summit, scheduled to take place in the
27 spring of 2020. Attendance would include four staff members from large Boards, three staff
28 members from medium Boards, and two staff members from small Boards (Attachment 1).
29 Additionally, funds would support attendance of one TRS 3- or 4- Star Program provider from
30 each Board’s local workforce development area.

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32 The amount for each Board would be finalized following the summit, based on actual travel
33 costs. Boards will be required to submit final travel costs to TWC, and TWC will increase each
34 Board’s Child Care Quality contract accordingly.

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¹ “House Bill 3—Texas Education Agency,” July 2019
https://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Government_Relations_and_Legal/Government_Relations/How_to_Use_Bill_3.

² “HB 3 in 30: Prekindergarten,” July 18, 2019
https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/HB3%20Video%20Series_Prekindergarten_7-18-19%20accessible.pdf, slide 35.

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3 **Texas Prekindergarten Partnership Summit—Board Classifications and Reimbursement**
4 **Parameters**
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6 Boards will be required to find the most cost-efficient travel alternatives to the Texas
7 Prekindergarten Partnership Summit. Boards within three hours driving distance will be
8 reimbursed for the cost of a rental car, hotel, and per diem (based on actual, up-to-the-maximum
9 per diem rate). Boards farther than three hours driving distance will be reimbursed for the most
10 economical airfare, the cost of a rental car, hotel, and per diem (based on actual, up-to-the-
11 maximum per diem rate). Large Boards will be reimbursed no more than \$3,600; medium Boards
12 will be reimbursed no more than \$2,900; and small Boards will be reimbursed no more than
13 \$2,300.

Local Workforce Development Area Number	Board Name	Quartile	Size
12	Concho Valley	1	Small
25	Texoma	1	
19	Golden Crescent	1	
3	North Texas	1	
27	Middle Rio Grande	1	
7	Northeast	1	
16	Brazos Valley	1	
9	West Central	2	Medium
13	Heart of Texas	2	
17	Deep East Texas	2	
11	Permian Basin	2	
1	Panhandle	2	
18	Southeast Texas	2	
2	South Plains	2	
21	South Texas	3	Medium
26	Central Texas	3	
15	Rural Capital	3	
22	Coastal Bend	3	
24	Cameron County	3	
8	East Texas	3	
14	Capital Area	3	
10	Borderplex	4	Large
23	Lower Rio Grande	4	
5	Tarrant County	4	
4	North Central	4	
20	Alamo	4	
6	Greater Dallas	4	
28	Gulf Coast	4	

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