

1                   **Texas Rising Star Mentor and Assessor Funding Board Contract Year 2021**  
2   **Discussion Paper**

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4   **Background**

5 Texas Government Code [§2308.3155](#)—as added by the 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session  
6 (2013) by House Bill 376—requires the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to make Child  
7 Care and Development Fund funding available to each Local Workforce Development Board  
8 (Board) to hire Texas Rising Star (TRS) mentors and assessors. On July 28, 2020 TWC’s three-  
9 member commission (Commission) approved \$10,516,875 to support TRS mentors and assessors  
10 in Board Contract Year (BCY) 2021. However, after this approval, staff identified a calculation  
11 error. With corrections, the new budget amount is \$10,476,962.

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13   **Issue: TRS Mentor and Assessor Distribution Method**

14 Staff has prepared the distribution of TRS mentor and assessor funding using the same  
15 methodology that was used in BCY 2020. This methodology is based on applying the  
16 distribution formula, noted below, to the BCY 2020 approved budget of \$10,345,388, and then  
17 adjusting Board amounts to ensure that no Board receives less funds than the prior year (a “hold  
18 harmless” adjustment).

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20       Funding Distribution Formula:

- 21       • Applying equal base funding of \$150,000 for each Board
- 22       • Distributing the remainder of the funds as follows:
  - 23           ➤ 50 percent of the funds based on the Board’s relative percentage of the total statewide
  - 24           regulated providers (licensed child care centers, licensed child care homes, and
  - 25           registered child care homes);
  - 26           ➤ 25 percent of the funds based on the Board’s relative percentage of the total number
  - 27           of children under 13 living in families at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty
  - 28           level; and
  - 29           ➤ 25 percent of the funds based on the Board’s relative percentage of the state’s TRS
  - 30           providers.

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32 Six Boards receive a hold-harmless adjustment of more than \$10,000. The hold harmless  
33 adjustment helps ensure that Boards will continue to have the resources to serve the same  
34 number of TRS providers.

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36   **Decision Point**

37 Staff seeks direction on:

- 38       - approving the revised budget amount of \$10,476,962 to support TRS mentors and
- 39       assessors in Board Contract Year (BCY) 2021; and
- 40       - distributing TRS mentor and assessor funding based as described, and as illustrated in
- 41       Attachment 1.

Board	Base Funding	Percent of Regulated Providers*	Children Under 13 < 150% Poverty**	Relative % of the State's TRS Providers***	50% of Balance Based on % of State Regulated Providers	25% of Balance Based on % of Children Under 13 < 150% Poverty	25% of Balance Based on Relative % of State's TRS Providers	Total Initial Distribution based on Formula	Additional "Hold Harmless" Amount	Total BCY2021 Distribution	Total BCY2020 Distribution (for comparison)
Panhandle	\$150,000	1.3%	1.5%	1.7%	\$38,447	\$23,354	\$25,394	\$237,194		\$237,194	\$234,798
South Plains	\$150,000	1.5%	2.0%	1.2%	\$46,277	\$30,494	\$18,139	\$244,909		\$244,909	\$243,202
North Texas	\$150,000	1.0%	0.7%	1.5%	\$30,087	\$11,242	\$22,673	\$214,002		\$214,002	\$213,084
North Central Texas	\$150,000	10.7%	5.2%	5.0%	\$327,360	\$79,500	\$76,182	\$633,043		\$633,043	\$613,033
Tarrant County	\$150,000	7.8%	6.5%	10.0%	\$238,334	\$99,203	\$153,272	\$640,809		\$640,809	\$627,641
Dallas	\$150,000	7.9%	11.8%	6.9%	\$243,342	\$181,613	\$106,111	\$681,067	\$57,171	\$738,238	\$738,238
North East Texas	\$150,000	0.8%	1.1%	1.5%	\$23,174	\$16,444	\$22,673	\$212,291		\$212,291	\$211,768
East Texas	\$150,000	1.9%	3.1%	4.9%	\$58,340	\$46,963	\$75,276	\$330,579		\$330,579	\$328,195
West Central Texas	\$150,000	1.2%	1.0%	1.9%	\$36,013	\$16,098	\$29,929	\$232,040		\$232,040	\$224,515
Borderplex	\$150,000	3.0%	4.3%	4.5%	\$91,037	\$66,818	\$69,834	\$377,690		\$377,690	\$362,579
Permian Basin	\$150,000	1.3%	1.4%	0.5%	\$38,693	\$21,716	\$8,162	\$218,572	\$4,765	\$223,337	\$223,337
Concho Valley	\$150,000	0.6%	0.4%	0.5%	\$19,647	\$6,303	\$7,255	\$183,206		\$183,206	\$182,507
Heart of Texas	\$150,000	1.4%	1.4%	2.5%	\$42,080	\$22,220	\$38,091	\$252,391		\$252,391	\$247,675
Capital Area	\$150,000	4.9%	3.2%	7.0%	\$150,048	\$49,194	\$107,018	\$456,260		\$456,260	\$441,313
Rural Capital Area	\$150,000	4.4%	2.0%	4.0%	\$133,928	\$30,259	\$60,765	\$374,952		\$374,952	\$363,123
Brazos	\$150,000	1.2%	1.1%	1.4%	\$36,824	\$17,430	\$21,766	\$226,021		\$226,021	\$223,360
Deep East Texas	\$150,000	0.8%	1.5%	1.9%	\$24,973	\$23,132	\$29,022	\$227,127		\$227,127	\$219,956
South East Texas	\$150,000	1.1%	1.6%	1.8%	\$32,556	\$24,164	\$28,115	\$234,835		\$234,835	\$222,124
Golden Crescent	\$150,000	0.8%	0.7%	0.5%	\$25,431	\$10,274	\$7,255	\$192,961	\$1,606	\$194,567	\$194,567
Alamo	\$150,000	7.7%	8.9%	6.5%	\$235,865	\$136,784	\$99,763	\$622,412	\$3,909	\$626,321	\$626,321
South Texas	\$150,000	1.0%	1.4%	1.7%	\$30,651	\$21,021	\$26,301	\$227,973	\$14,597	\$242,570	\$242,570
Coastal Bend	\$150,000	2.1%	2.3%	1.5%	\$63,878	\$35,807	\$22,673	\$272,358	\$4,129	\$276,487	\$276,487
Lower Rio Grande	\$150,000	3.7%	6.5%	3.4%	\$112,835	\$100,207	\$51,695	\$414,738	\$36,166	\$450,904	\$450,904
Cameron County	\$150,000	1.7%	2.8%	2.5%	\$51,779	\$43,446	\$38,091	\$283,317	\$373	\$283,690	\$283,690
Texoma	\$150,000	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	\$19,611	\$9,916	\$9,069	\$188,597		\$188,597	\$187,300
Central Texas	\$150,000	2.4%	1.9%	2.6%	\$72,766	\$28,456	\$39,905	\$291,128	\$10,397	\$301,525	\$301,525
Middle Rio Grande	\$150,000	0.6%	0.9%	0.9%	\$17,354	\$14,509	\$13,604	\$195,467	\$1,083	\$196,550	\$196,550
Gulf Coast	\$150,000	27.1%	24.1%	21.4%	\$831,363	\$369,777	\$328,310	\$1,679,452		\$1,679,452	\$1,665,026
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>\$4,200,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$3,072,694</b>	<b>\$1,536,347</b>	<b>\$ 1,536,347</b>	<b>\$10,345,391</b>	<b>\$134,196</b>	<b>\$10,479,587</b>	<b>\$10,345,391</b>

\* Relative % of the State's Regulated Providers based on a weighted average of all Licensed Centers, Licensed Homes, and Registered Homes from HHSC data (October 2019, November 2019, December 2019 and February 2020. Weights of 1/6 for each of the months in 2019 and 3/6 for the weight for Feb20.)

\*\* Relative % Children Under 13 < 150% Poverty Rates from 2014-2018 ACS applied to 2018 Texas Demographic Center Estimates

\*\*\*Relative % of the State's TRS Providers based from April 2020 data