

**Texas Rising Star Mentor and Assessor Funding Board Contract Year 2022
Discussion Paper**

1 Background

2 Texas Government Code [§2308.3155](#)—as added by the 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session
3 (2013) by House Bill 376—requires the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to make Child
4 Care and Development Fund funding available to each Local Workforce Development Board
5 (Board) to hire Texas Rising Star mentors and assessors.
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7 On June 18, 2021, the Governor Abbott signed [House Bill 2607 \(HB 2607\)](#) which requires all
8 subsidy providers to participate in Texas Rising Star. The bill also requires TWC to determine a
9 maximum length of time a provider may participate at the entry level rating. Boards will need
10 additional Texas Rising Star mentors in order to implement these new requirements and support
11 Texas Rising Star program expansion.
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13 On July 7, 2021, TWC [approved](#) increasing the Texas Rising Star Staff Support budget for Board
14 Contract Year (BCY) 2022 to \$17,000,000. This new funding allows Boards to increase the
15 number of Texas Rising Star mentors to support providers’ continuous quality improvement
16 plans and increasing program expansion.
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18 Issue: TRS Mentor and Assessor Distribution Method

19 Staff has prepared a proposed distribution of the BCY’22 Texas Rising Star mentor and assessor
20 funding based on the following methodology:
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Funding Distribution Formula:

- 23 • Applying an equal base funding amount of \$100,000 for each Board
- 24 • Distributing the remainder of the funds as follows:
 - 25 ➤ 60 percent of the funds based on the Board’s relative percentage of the state’s Texas
 - 26 Rising Star providers; and
 - 27 ➤ 40 percent of the funds based on the Board’s relative percentage of the state’s child
 - 28 care providers with subsidy agreements but are not Texas Rising Star certified.

29 Staff’s current plan is to reduce the weighting percentage for non-Texas Rising Star providers
30 annually as we gradually transition to all subsidy providers being Texas Rising Star certified, in
31 line with HB 2607.

32 Decision Point

33 Staff seeks direction on distributing TRS mentor and assessor funding as described above, and as
34 illustrated in Attachment 1.

Board	BASE FUNDING	Relative % of the State's TRS Providers ¹	Relative % of non-TRS subsidy providers ²	60% of Balance Based on relative % of State's TRS Providers	40% of Balance on relative % of non-TRS subsidy providers	Total New Distribution	For Comparison BCY 2021 Distribution
Panhandle	\$100,000	1.82%	1.24%	\$154,981	\$70,357	\$325,338	\$237,194
South Plains	\$100,000	1.59%	1.79%	\$135,112	\$101,860	\$336,972	\$244,909
North Texas	\$100,000	1.40%	0.91%	\$119,216	\$51,455	\$270,671	\$214,002
North Central Texas	\$100,000	5.32%	8.36%	\$453,022	\$474,646	\$1,027,668	\$633,043
Tarrant County	\$100,000	9.79%	6.69%	\$834,515	\$380,137	\$1,314,652	\$640,809
Dallas	\$100,000	8.54%	7.60%	\$727,220	\$431,592	\$1,258,812	\$738,238
North East Texas	\$100,000	1.17%	0.83%	\$99,347	\$47,255	\$246,602	\$212,291
East Texas	\$100,000	4.01%	2.02%	\$341,754	\$114,461	\$556,215	\$330,579
West Central Texas	\$100,000	2.10%	0.94%	\$178,825	\$53,555	\$332,380	\$232,040
Borderplex	\$100,000	4.06%	4.38%	\$345,728	\$248,874	\$694,602	\$377,690
Permian Basin	\$100,000	0.47%	1.89%	\$39,739	\$107,110	\$246,849	\$223,337
Concho Valley	\$100,000	0.42%	0.89%	\$35,765	\$50,405	\$186,170	\$183,206
Heart of Texas	\$100,000	2.43%	1.26%	\$206,642	\$71,407	\$378,049	\$252,391
Capital Area	\$100,000	7.65%	4.53%	\$651,716	\$257,275	\$1,008,991	\$456,260
Rural Capital Area	\$100,000	3.96%	4.25%	\$337,780	\$241,523	\$679,303	\$374,952
Brazos	\$100,000	1.96%	1.20%	\$166,903	\$68,257	\$335,160	\$226,021
Deep East Texas	\$100,000	2.10%	0.72%	\$178,825	\$40,954	\$319,779	\$227,127
South East Texas	\$100,000	1.40%	1.33%	\$119,216	\$75,607	\$294,824	\$234,835
Golden Crescent	\$100,000	0.37%	0.87%	\$31,791	\$49,355	\$181,146	\$194,567
Alamo	\$100,000	6.39%	7.73%	\$544,422	\$438,943	\$1,083,364	\$626,321
South Texas	\$100,000	1.31%	1.79%	\$111,269	\$101,860	\$313,129	\$242,570
Coastal Bend	\$100,000	1.49%	2.33%	\$127,164	\$132,313	\$359,477	\$276,487
Lower Rio Grande	\$100,000	3.36%	5.97%	\$286,119	\$339,183	\$725,302	\$450,904
Cameron County	\$100,000	2.33%	2.00%	\$198,694	\$113,411	\$412,105	\$283,690
Texoma	\$100,000	0.61%	0.96%	\$51,660	\$54,605	\$206,266	\$188,597
Central Texas	\$100,000	2.01%	3.81%	\$170,877	\$216,321	\$487,198	\$301,525
Middle Rio Grande	\$100,000	0.75%	0.57%	\$63,582	\$32,553	\$196,135	\$196,550
Gulf Coast	\$100,000	21.22%	23.15%	\$1,808,116	\$1,314,727	\$3,222,843	\$1,679,451
Statewide	\$2,800,000	100.00%	100.00%	\$8,520,000	\$5,680,000	\$17,000,000	\$10,479,585

¹Source: [Child Care by the numbers](#), Texas Rising Star Provider Agreements by Star Level, June 2021

²Source: [Child Care by the numbers](#), Child Care Providers Accepting Subsidy Children as Share of Regulated Providers, June 2021; Texas Rising Star Providers as Share of Regulated Providers, June 2021