

# TACRAO 2024 Conference

House Bill 8 Implementation



# Center for Institutional Collaboration and Stakeholder Workgroup



# Statute

House Bill 8, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session

The board may establish an **institutional collaboration center** within the board to support the implementation of Chapter 130A and the efficient and effective operations of institutions of higher education.

# Center for Institutional Collaboration

- Employer Partnerships
- Shared Services
- Course Sharing
- Labor Market Information and Analysis
- Workforce Education Partnerships



# Employer Partnerships

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The Employer Partnerships role within the Center for Institutional Collaboration supports industries and the employers that power them in collaboration with workforce education partners and programs.

# Guiding Principles

## Be a Resource

Act as a platform for employers to share their input with institutions across the state as it relates to talent pipelines and workforce development.

## Promote Collaboration

Engage employers and institutions to strategize initiatives that target current and emerging labor demands.

# Goals

- Align Education and Industry Needs
- Foster Innovation
- Surface Existing Resources for Institutions
- Centralize Large Employer Engagement Efforts





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# Shared Services

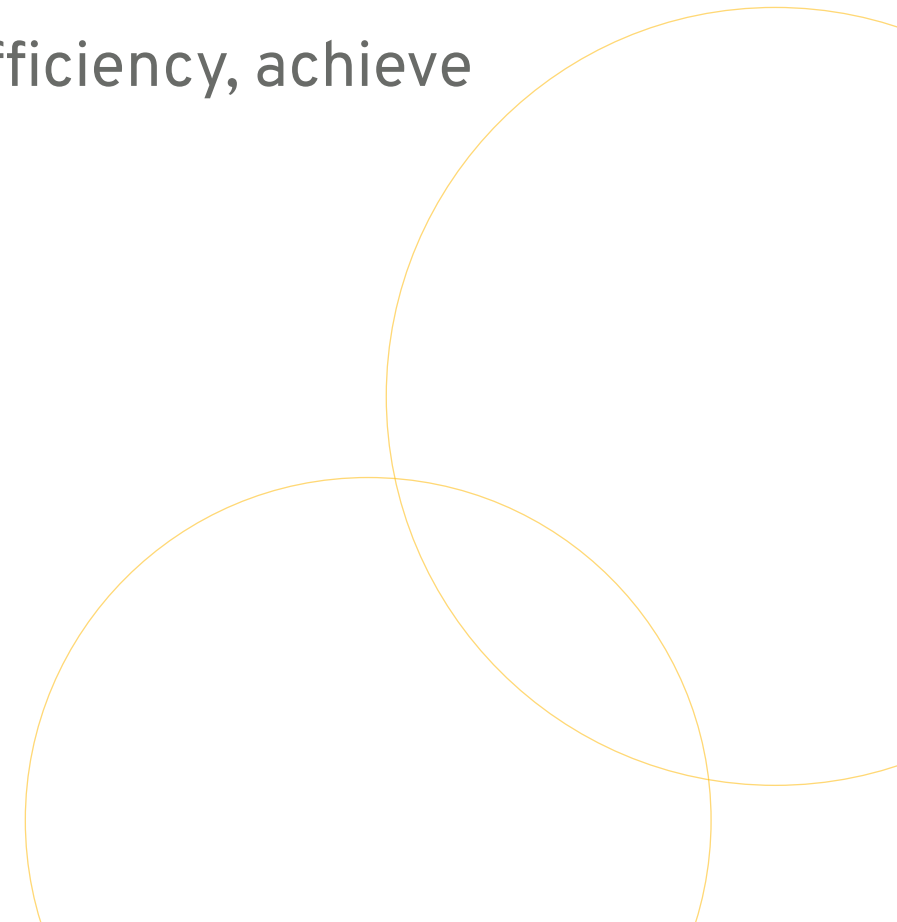
# Shared Services

The Shared Services role within the Center for Institutional Collaboration will assist in the coordination and procurement of products and services in compliance with HB8, particularly related to IT security, legacy system modernization, and academic technology services.

# Guiding Principle

## Be a Resource

Enable individual colleges to improve operational efficiency, achieve cost savings, and expand college capacity.



# Goals

- Secure Texas Information Technology Resources
- Digital Transformation and Legacy Modernization
- Bulk Purchasing and Collaboration
- Shared Academic Technology Services Exploration

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# Course Sharing

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THECB's Division of Digital Learning launched a statewide Course Sharing pilot in spring 2023. The pilot aimed to increase access to online courses for students enrolled in Texas institutions of higher education.

For more information visit:



[dltx.highered.texas.gov](https://dltx.highered.texas.gov)

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# Labor Market Information

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Work is underway at THECB to assist Texas institutions of higher education in leveraging the power of labor market insights to inform policy and practice.

In 2024, the agency will be reaching out to colleges to partner on stakeholder engagement to design LMI tools that:

- Assist colleges in decision making for program development
- Leverage LMI data to identify opportunities related to course sharing

# Workforce Education Partnerships

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The Workforce Education Partnerships role within the Center for Institutional Collaboration will provide opportunities for coordination and collaboration between state two-year public junior college institutions and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

# Guiding Principles

- Transparency: Communication
- Innovation: Encourage experimentation, creativity, and the exploration of innovative ideas
- Sustainability: Collaboration for long-term success including scaling programs
- Continuous Improvement: Committed to continuous learning, reflection, and improvement

# Goals

- Engagement with Community Colleges
- Foster Innovation
- Collaborate with field on THECB Committees
- Engagement of Education with Business and Industry

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# Stakeholder Workgroup



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# Work to Date

## Phase 1 – Align Practice, Rules, and Statute

- Applied Associate Degree Approval
- Local Need Course Approval
- Career and Technical Education Course Maintenance and Approval
- Career and Technical Education Certificate approval
- WECM Advisory Committee

# Questions & Closing Thoughts



# Texas Higher Education

## COORDINATING BOARD

