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H.B. No. 3959

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of the Texas youth livestock show grant program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Title 3, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Chapter 50E to read as follows:

CHAPTER 50E. TEXAS YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW GRANT PROGRAM

Sec. 50E.001. TEXAS YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) The department shall establish and administer the Texas youth livestock show grant program. The department shall:

(1) establish grant eligibility requirements, subject to Subsection (c);

(2) establish a grant application process; and

(3) encourage participation from livestock shows of varying sizes, types of entries, and needs.

(b) Grants under this section may be used only to provide financial assistance to youth livestock shows in this state.

(c) A youth livestock show is eligible for a grant under this section if the livestock show is part of the youth livestock validation program and:

(1) has been in existence for less than 10 years; or

(2) is a regional youth livestock show.

Sec. 50E.002. TEXAS YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW FUND. (a) The Texas youth livestock show fund is an account in the general revenue

1 fund administered by the department. Money in the account may be
2 used only by the department to provide grants under Section 50E.001
3 and to promote and encourage donations to the fund.

4 (b) The Texas youth livestock show fund consists of:

5 (1) gifts, grants, including federal grants, and other
6 donations received for the fund;

7 (2) interest earned on the investment of money in the
8 fund; and

9 (3) any money appropriated to the fund by the
10 legislature.

11 (c) The department may accept grants, gifts, or donations
12 from any source that are made for the purposes of this chapter.
13 Money received under this subsection shall be deposited in the
14 Texas youth livestock show fund.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.