

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 801
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 25, 2021; March 11, 2021,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
 1-4 April 19, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 19, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor	X			
1-8 Lucio			X	
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Hall	X			
1-11 Hughes			X	
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Paxton	X			
1-14 Perry	X			
1-15 Powell	X			
1-16 Schwertner	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the development of an agriculture education program for
 1-22 public elementary schools.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
 1-25 amended by adding Section 29.926 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 29.926. AGRICULTURE EDUCATION PROGRAM. (a) The
 1-27 agency shall develop an agriculture education program for
 1-28 elementary school students to encourage appreciation and improve
 1-29 students' understanding of agriculture. In developing the program,
 1-30 the agency shall coordinate with:

1-31 (1) the Department of Agriculture; and

1-32 (2) nonprofit organizations with expertise in
 1-33 agriculture education, as identified by the agency.

1-34 (b) The agency shall develop a list of agriculture education
 1-35 programs approved by the agency and the State Board of Education
 1-36 that may be used as part of the curriculum for elementary school
 1-37 students. A program included on the list must be available to an
 1-38 elementary school at no cost to the school district or
 1-39 open-enrollment charter school.

1-40 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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