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S.B. No. 519

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a grant program to promote educational engagement with Texas history.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 442, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 442.0205 to read as follows:

Sec. 442.0205. TEXAS HISTORY GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall create and administer a grant program to support the purpose of promoting educational engagement with the history of this state. Subject to Subsection (b), the grants must be awarded annually to nonprofit entities that:

(1) host a statewide Texas history competition for school-aged students; and

(2) publish works on Texas history written by students or faculty members.

(b) The commission shall establish procedures to administer the grant program, including procedures for applying for a grant under this section. The commission shall enter into a contract that includes performance requirements with each grant recipient. The commission shall monitor and enforce the terms of the contract.

(c) In addition to funds appropriated by the legislature, the commission may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations from any public or private source for the purpose of awarding grants under this section.

1           SECTION 2. The Texas Historical Commission shall establish  
2 the procedures for applying for a grant under Section 442.0205,  
3 Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than October 1,  
4 2025.

5           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.