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H.B. No. 898

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of state travel services by public junior
3 colleges and school districts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2171.055, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

7 (f) An officer or employee of a public junior college, as
8 defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, or of a school district
9 who is engaged in official business may participate in the
10 commission's contract for travel services for the purpose of
11 obtaining reduced airline fares and reduced travel agent fees. The
12 commission may charge a participating public junior college or
13 school district a fee not to exceed the costs incurred by the
14 commission in providing services under this subsection. The
15 commission shall periodically review fees and shall adjust them as
16 needed to ensure recovery of costs incurred in providing services
17 to public junior colleges and school districts under this
18 subsection. The commission shall deposit the fees collected under
19 this subsection to the credit of the school district airline fares
20 account. The school district airline fares account is an account in
21 the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only for the
22 purposes of this chapter. The commission shall adopt rules and make
23 or amend contracts as necessary to administer this subsection.

24 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 44, Education Code, is

1 amended by adding Section 44.044 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 44.044. LIMIT ON EXPENDITURES FOR TRAVEL SERVICES. A
3 school district may not reimburse a district officer or employee
4 for expenditures for travel services in excess of the applicable
5 contract rate negotiated by the Texas Building and Procurement
6 Commission under Chapter 2171, Government Code.

7 SECTION 3. Section 44.044, Education Code, as added by this
8 Act, applies only to reimbursement of an officer or employee of a
9 school district or junior college district for an expenditure for
10 travel services made after August 31, 2003. Reimbursement of an
11 officer or employee of a school district or junior college district
12 for an expenditure for travel services made before September 1,
13 2003, is governed by the law in effect at the time the expenditure
14 was made, and the former law is continued in effect for that
15 purpose.

16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.