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H.B. No. 997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a grant program for after-school child-care programs provided by school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 33, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 33.904 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.904. GRANTS FOR AFTER-SCHOOL CHILD-CARE PROGRAMS.

(a) From funds appropriated for the purpose, the commissioner shall make grants to school districts for use in operating one or more after-school child-care programs for students enrolled in kindergarten through grade eight.

(b) To be eligible for a grant under this section, a school district must apply to the commissioner in the manner and within the time prescribed by the commissioner.

(c) In awarding grants under this section, the commissioner shall give priority to a school district that:

(1) is located primarily in a county:

(A) with a population of less than 500,000; and

(B) in which a majority of the enrolled public school students are from low-income families; and

(2) proposes to use the grant to operate an after-school child-care program at one or more schools in which a significant number of the enrolled students are from low-income families.

1 (d) The commissioner shall adopt rules to administer this
2 section, including rules defining "low-income families" for
3 purposes of Subsection (c).

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.