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H.B. No. 2217

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of funds for schools designated recognized or exemplary by the State Board of Education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.402(i) to read as follows:

(i) Consistent with Section 2113, Public Law 107-110, the education commissioner may exempt a school district that has been recognized or exemplary for at least two years from this section for the purposes of:

(1) developing or assisting local educational agencies in creating teacher advancement initiatives that promote professional growth and emphasize multiple career paths, such as paths to becoming a master or mentor teacher, and pay differentiation. Compensation plans may also be created to include market-based compensation plans or enhanced compensation opportunities for senior teachers.

(2) to be eligible for an exemption, each school district must submit a compensation plan that must be approved by the commissioner.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.