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S.B. No. 16

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to mentoring services programs for at-risk students in  
3 public schools.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 29, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 29.089 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 29.089. MENTORING SERVICES PROGRAM. (a) Each school  
8 district may provide a mentoring services program to students at  
9 risk of dropping out of school, as defined by Section 29.081.

10 (b) A district that provides a mentoring services program  
11 using funds allocated under Section 42.152 must meet standards  
12 adopted by the governor under the mentoring initiative established  
13 by the governor.

14 (c) The board of trustees of the district shall obtain the  
15 consent of a student's parent or guardian before allowing the  
16 student to participate in the program.

17 (d) The board of trustees of the district may arrange for  
18 any public or private community-based organization to come to the  
19 district's schools and implement the program.

20 SECTION 2. Section 42.152, Education Code, is amended by  
21 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

22 (c-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), funds allocated under  
23 this section may be used to fund a district's mentoring services  
24 program under Section 29.089.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.