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S.B. No. 16

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to mentoring services programs in public schools.

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

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

Sec. 29.089. MENTORING SERVICES PROGRAM. (a) Each school district may provide a mentoring services program to students at the district's schools.

(b) A district that provides a mentoring services program must meet standards adopted by the governor under the mentoring initiative established by the governor.

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

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

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

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

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