

1-1 By: Staples S.B. No. 16  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2003; March 17, 2003, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; March 27, 2003,  
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 27, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 16 By: Staples

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to mentoring services programs for at-risk students in  
1-10 public schools.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 29, Education Code, is  
1-13 amended by adding Section 29.089 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 29.089. MENTORING SERVICES PROGRAM. (a) Each school  
1-15 district may provide a mentoring services program to students at  
1-16 risk of dropping out of school, as defined by Section 29.081.

1-17 (b) A district that provides a mentoring services program  
1-18 using funds allocated under Section 42.152 must meet standards  
1-19 adopted by the governor under the mentoring initiative established  
1-20 by the governor.

1-21 (c) The board of trustees of the district shall obtain the  
1-22 consent of a student's parent or guardian before allowing the  
1-23 student to participate in the program.

1-24 (d) The board of trustees of the district may arrange for  
1-25 any public or private community-based organization to come to the  
1-26 district's schools and implement the program.

1-27 SECTION 2. Section 42.152, Education Code, is amended by  
1-28 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

1-29 (c-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), funds allocated under  
1-30 this section may be used to fund a district's mentoring services  
1-31 program under Section 29.089.

1-32 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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