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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to awards granted under the Texas Advanced Placement Incentive Program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.053, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 28.053. TYPES OF AWARDS. (a) A school participating in the program may be awarded:

(1) a one-time \$3,000 equipment grant for providing a college advanced placement course or international baccalaureate course to be paid to a school based on need as determined by the commissioner; and

(2) \$100 for each student who scores a three or better on a college advanced placement test or four or better on an international baccalaureate examination.

(b) Funds awarded under Subsection (a) shall be used in the manner determined by the campus team established, by the principal, under Subsection (c).

(c) The principal of each school participating in the program shall convene, at least annually, a team composed of not more than five members, with not fewer than three teachers, to include at least one teacher participating in the program and at least one teacher who teaches students in preparation for their participation in the program, for the purpose of determining the

1 use of funds awarded under Subsection (a). Nothing in this section
2 limits the authority of the team to direct expenditure of funds
3 awarded under Subsection (a)(2) for awards to individual teachers
4 participating in the program.

5 (d) A teacher participating in the program may be awarded:

6 (1) subsidized teacher training, not to exceed \$450
7 for each teacher, for a college advanced placement course or an
8 international baccalaureate course;

9 (2) a one-time award of \$250 for teaching a college
10 advanced placement course or an international baccalaureate course
11 for the first time; and

12 (3) a share of the teacher bonus pool, which shall be
13 distributed by the teacher's school in shares proportional to the
14 number of courses taught.

15 (e) [~~(c)~~] To be eligible for an award under Subsection (d)
16 [~~(b)~~], a teacher must teach a college advanced placement course or
17 an international baccalaureate course.

18 (f) [~~(d)~~] Fifty dollars may be deposited in the teacher
19 bonus pool for each student enrolled in the school that scores a
20 three or better on a college advanced placement test or four or
21 better on an international baccalaureate examination.

22 (g) [~~(e)~~] A student receiving a score of three or better on
23 a college advanced placement test or four or better on an
24 international baccalaureate examination may receive reimbursement,
25 not to exceed \$65, for the testing fee. The reimbursement shall be
26 reduced by the amount of any subsidy awarded by the college board or
27 the International Baccalaureate Organization or under Section

1 28.054.

2 (h) [~~(f)~~] The commissioner may enter into agreements with
3 the college board and the International Baccalaureate Organization
4 to pay for all examinations taken by eligible public school
5 students. An eligible student is one who takes a college advanced
6 placement or international baccalaureate course at a public school
7 or who is recommended by the student's principal or teacher to take
8 the test.

9 (i) [~~(g)~~] The commissioner shall analyze and adjust, as
10 needed, the sum of and number of awards to ensure that the purpose
11 of the program is realized.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.