

1-1 By: Shapiro S.B. No. 578
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1-6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 578 By: Shapiro

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

1-9 relating to awards granted under the Texas Advanced Placement
1-10 Incentive Program.

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

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 28.053, Education Code, is amended to
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 28.053. TYPES OF AWARDS. (a) A school participating
1-15 in the program may be awarded:

1-16 (1) a one-time \$3,000 equipment grant for providing a
1-17 college advanced placement course or international baccalaureate
1-18 course to be paid to a school based on need as determined by the
1-19 commissioner; and

1-20 (2) \$100 for each student who scores a three or better
1-21 on a college advanced placement test or four or better on an
1-22 international baccalaureate examination.

1-23 (b) Funds awarded under Subsection (a) shall be used in the
1-24 manner determined by the campus team established, by the principal,
1-25 under Subsection (c).

1-26 (c) The principal of each school participating in the
1-27 program shall convene, at least annually, a team composed of not
1-28 more than five members, with not fewer than three teachers, to
1-29 include at least one teacher participating in the program and at
1-30 least one teacher who teaches students in preparation for their
1-31 participation in the program, for the purpose of determining the
1-32 use of funds awarded under Subsection (a). Nothing in this section
1-33 limits the authority of the team to direct expenditure of funds
1-34 awarded under Subsection (a)(2) for awards to individual teachers
1-35 participating in the program.

1-36 (d) A teacher participating in the program may be awarded:

1-37 (1) subsidized teacher training, not to exceed \$450
1-38 for each teacher, for a college advanced placement course or an
1-39 international baccalaureate course;

1-40 (2) a one-time award of \$250 for teaching a college
1-41 advanced placement course or an international baccalaureate course
1-42 for the first time; and

1-43 (3) a share of the teacher bonus pool, which shall be
1-44 distributed by the teacher's school in shares proportional to the
1-45 number of courses taught.

1-46 (e) ~~(c)~~ To be eligible for an award under Subsection (d)
1-47 ~~(b)~~, a teacher must teach a college advanced placement course or
1-48 an international baccalaureate course.

1-49 (f) ~~(d)~~ Fifty dollars may be deposited in the teacher
1-50 bonus pool for each student enrolled in the school that scores a
1-51 three or better on a college advanced placement test or four or
1-52 better on an international baccalaureate examination.

1-53 (g) ~~(e)~~ A student receiving a score of three or better on
1-54 a college advanced placement test or four or better on an
1-55 international baccalaureate examination may receive reimbursement,
1-56 not to exceed \$65, for the testing fee. The reimbursement shall be
1-57 reduced by the amount of any subsidy awarded by the college board or
1-58 the International Baccalaureate Organization or under Section
1-59 28.054.

1-60 (h) ~~(f)~~ The commissioner may enter into agreements with
1-61 the college board and the International Baccalaureate Organization
1-62 to pay for all examinations taken by eligible public school
1-63 students. An eligible student is one who takes a college advanced

2-1 placement or international baccalaureate course at a public school
2-2 or who is recommended by the student's principal or teacher to take
2-3 the test.

2-4 (i) [~~(g)~~] The commissioner shall analyze and adjust, as
2-5 needed, the sum of and number of awards to ensure that the purpose
2-6 of the program is realized.

2-7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-11 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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