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S.B. No. 1749

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the assessment of the need and demand for adult education programs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.252, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 29.252. STATE ROLE IN ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION.

(a) The agency shall:

(1) provide adequate staffing to develop, administer, and support a comprehensive statewide adult education program and coordinate related federal and state programs for education and training of adults;

(2) develop, implement, and regulate a comprehensive statewide program for community level education services to meet the special needs of adults;

(3) develop the mechanism and guidelines for coordination of comprehensive adult education and related skill training services for adults with other agencies, both public and private, in planning, developing, and implementing related programs, including community education programs;

(4) administer all state and federal funds for adult education and related skill training in this state, except in programs for which another entity is specifically authorized to do so under other law;

1 (5) prescribe and administer standards and
2 accrediting policies for adult education;

3 (6) prescribe and administer rules for teacher
4 certification for adult education;

5 (7) accept and administer grants, gifts, services, and
6 funds from available sources for use in adult education; ~~and~~

7 (8) adopt or develop and administer a standardized
8 assessment mechanism for assessing all adult education program
9 participants who need literacy instruction, adult basic education,
10 or secondary education leading to an adult high school diploma or
11 the equivalent; and

12 (9) develop and administer a mechanism for measuring
13 the need and demand for adult education programs in this state and
14 report the need and demand assessed by the mechanism to the
15 legislature on an annual basis.

16 (b) The assessment mechanism prescribed under Subsection
17 (a)(8) must include an initial basic skills screening instrument
18 and must provide comprehensive information concerning baseline
19 student skills before and student progress after participation in
20 an adult education program.

21 (c) The mechanism prescribed under Subsection (a)(9) shall
22 include a measurement of the number of individuals placed on wait
23 lists for adult education programs.

24 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2003, the Texas
25 Education Agency shall complete development of the mechanism for
26 measuring the need and demand for adult education programs in this
27 state prescribed under Section 29.252, Education Code, as amended

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1 by this Act.

2 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
3 1, 2003.