

Amend **CSSB 1** (House Committee Printing) in Article III of the bill, following the appropriations to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, by adding the following appropriately numbered rider:

____. _____. PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE CERTIFICATION TO TEACH BILINGUAL EDUCATION, ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE, OR SPANISH. Of the funds appropriated above that may be used for this purpose, the Higher Education Coordinating Board may use an amount that is not less than \$150,000 for each year of the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2007, to develop and operate a program at the University of North Texas System Center at Dallas, in consultation with the university, to provide financial incentives, such as tuition assistance and loan forgiveness, to encourage students who enroll in an educator preparation program at the university to become certified to teach bilingual education, English as a second language, or Spanish.