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H.B. No. 1660

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a cross-border language training program for language
3 teachers.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 21.417 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 21.417. CROSS-BORDER LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR
8 LANGUAGE TEACHERS. (a) The commissioner shall establish a
9 cross-border language training program to enable:

10 (1) teachers from Mexico to travel to this state to
11 instruct teachers in this state in methods for improving Spanish
12 language instruction; and

13 (2) teachers from this state who teach in school
14 districts that are located in counties that border Mexico to travel
15 to Mexico to teach English language skills to teachers in Mexico
16 while improving their Spanish language skills.

17 (b) The commissioner shall solicit and may accept gifts and
18 grants for purposes of the cross-border language training program
19 under this section.

20 (c) The commissioner may adopt rules prescribing:

21 (1) eligibility requirements for teacher
22 participation in the cross-border language training program under
23 this section; and

24 (2) the amount of assistance to be provided to a

1 teacher participating in the program.

2 SECTION 2. The commissioner of education shall establish
3 the cross-border language training program required by Section
4 21.417, Education Code, as added by this Act, not later than April
5 1, 2006.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.