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H.B. No. 1668

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1668:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the governor's award for teaching excellence program.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter O to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER O. GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Sec. 21.701. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "program" means the Governor's Award for Teaching Excellence Program.

Sec. 21.702. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM. The commissioner shall establish a program to annually recognize and honor outstanding classroom teachers who have demonstrated superior performance.

Sec. 21.703. AWARDS. From funds appropriated for the purpose, the commissioner shall pay to each person selected for an award a stipend equal to at least \$10,000.

Sec. 21.704. RULES. The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this subchapter, including rules related to eligibility and selection of participants.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.