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H.B. No. 2372

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2372:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a college entrance examination preparation pilot program.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER K. COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

PREPARATION PILOT PROGRAM

Sec. 29.401. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "College entrance examination" means an assessment instrument, such as the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) and the American College Test (ACT), used by colleges and universities in determining student admissions.

(2) "Preparation course" means a college entrance examination preparation course.

(3) "Program" means the college entrance examination preparation pilot program.

Sec. 29.402. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM; GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA. (a) From funds appropriated for the purpose, the agency shall establish a college entrance examination preparation pilot program for the purpose of enabling a participating campus to offer a college entrance examination preparation course to participating students.

(b) The agency shall establish:

1 (1) clear guidelines for the program, including
2 guidelines for participating campuses to follow in implementing the
3 program; and

4 (2) criteria for participating campuses to use in
5 selecting students to participate in the program.

6 Sec. 29.403. APPROVED VENDORS. The agency shall:

7 (1) establish a process for approving a vendor to
8 provide preparation course instruction for participating campuses;
9 and

10 (2) compile a list of approved vendors.

11 Sec. 29.404. CAMPUS ELIGIBILITY. A campus is eligible to
12 participate in the program only if at least 40 percent of the
13 students enrolled at the campus:

14 (1) are educationally disadvantaged; or

15 (2) are students at risk of dropping out of school as
16 defined by Section 29.081(d).

17 Sec. 29.405. APPLICATION PROCESS. (a) A campus, or a
18 school district on behalf of one or more district campuses, may
19 apply to the agency to participate in the program. The application
20 submitted by the campus or district must include a detailed
21 proposal that:

22 (1) describes the manner in which the campus proposes
23 to:

24 (A) recruit students to and achieve and maintain
25 strong student attendance and participation in the program; and

26 (B) assist participating students in completing
27 the preparation course and taking a college entrance examination;

1 (2) describes how the campus proposes to schedule a
2 preparation course so that the course does not interfere with
3 participating students' regular curriculum requirements or
4 extracurricular activities;

5 (3) describes the manner in which the campus will be
6 responsible for the logistical requirements of the program;

7 (4) identifies a campus program coordinator; and

8 (5) describes the manner in which the campus will
9 report the effectiveness of the program to the agency.

10 (b) On the basis of applications submitted under this
11 section, the agency shall select to participate in the program
12 campuses that are eligible to participate under Section 29.404.

13 Sec. 29.406. FUNDING; CAMPUS IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM.

14 (a) A participating campus is entitled to receive a grant from the
15 agency in an amount, determined by the agency, sufficient to
16 implement the program. The agency may not spend more than a total
17 of \$2 million in any fiscal biennium in awarding grants under this
18 section.

19 (b) A participating campus shall select a vendor from the
20 agency's list of approved vendors under Section 29.403 to offer a
21 college entrance examination preparation course at the campus.

22 (c) Using grant funds received under Subsection (a), a
23 participating campus must provide for the logistical requirements
24 of the preparation course, such as the course's location and
25 transportation to the course, and supplies, such as pencils and
26 calculators.

27 Sec. 29.407. EVALUATION; REPORT. (a) Each participating

1 campus shall, with the assistance of the vendor serving the campus,
2 report preparation course performance data to the agency. The
3 performance data must include aggregated student scores and
4 progress reports, including the college entrance examination
5 scores of participating students.

6 (b) The agency shall conduct an evaluation of the program.
7 Each participating campus shall cooperate with the agency to ensure
8 an effective evaluation.

9 (c) The agency shall report the results of the evaluation to
10 the legislature not later than December 31, 2006.

11 Sec. 29.408. RULES. The commissioner shall adopt rules
12 necessary to administer this subchapter.

13 Sec. 29.409. EXPIRATION. This subchapter expires August 1,
14 2007.

15 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
16 of this Act, the commissioner of education shall adopt rules for
17 implementing the college entrance examination preparation pilot
18 program as required by Subchapter K, Chapter 29, Education Code, as
19 added by this Act. The commissioner of education shall make the
20 college entrance examination preparation pilot program available
21 for school campus participation for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007
22 school years.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.