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H.B. No. 122

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to promoting the importance of higher education in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.911 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.911. "EDUCATION: GO GET IT" WEEK. (a) To educate middle school, junior high school, and high school students about the importance of higher education, each school district and each open-enrollment charter school offering any of those grade levels shall designate one week during the school year as "Education: Go Get It" Week.

(b) During the designated week, each middle school, junior high school, and high school shall provide students with comprehensive grade-appropriate information regarding the pursuit of higher education. The information provided must include information regarding:

(1) higher education options available to students;

(2) standard admission requirements for institutions of higher education, including:

(A) overall high school grade point average;

(B) required curriculum; and

(C) scores necessary on generally recognized tests or assessment instruments used in admissions determinations,

1 including the Scholastic Assessment Test and the American College
2 Test;

3 (3) automatic admission of certain students to general
4 academic teaching institutions as provided by Section 51.803; and

5 (4) financial aid availability and requirements,
6 including the financial aid information provided by counselors
7 under Section 33.007(b).

8 (c) In addition to the information provided under
9 Subsection (b), each middle school, junior high school, and high
10 school shall provide to the students during the designated week at
11 least one public speaker to promote the importance of higher
12 education.

13 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008
14 school year.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.