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H.B. No. 1814

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1814:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to implementation of a comprehensive character education  
3 and training pilot program at certain Texas Youth Commission  
4 facilities.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Human Resources Code,  
7 is amended by adding Section 61.0386 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 61.0386. COMPREHENSIVE CHARACTER EDUCATION AND  
9 TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall establish a  
10 comprehensive character education and training pilot program at:

11 (1) either Unit I or Unit II of the McLennan County  
12 State Juvenile Correctional Facility; and

13 (2) another correctional facility operated by or under  
14 contract with the commission that the commission chooses to  
15 participate in the program.

16 (b) The commission shall model the program after the  
17 Character First! program or a similar program that emphasizes  
18 character education and training.

19 (c) The commission shall conduct a study concerning any cost  
20 savings resulting from the implementation of the comprehensive  
21 character education and training pilot program at commission  
22 facilities at which the program is implemented as compared to other  
23 commission facilities, including any cost savings resulting from  
24 lower recidivism rates, lower staff turnover rates, and less

1 overall facility damage.

2 (d) Not later than January 1, 2011, and January 1, 2013, the  
3 commission shall prepare and deliver to each member of the  
4 legislature a report describing the interim results of the study.

5 Not later than January 1, 2015, the commission shall deliver a  
6 report describing the final results of the study.

7 (e) This section expires February 1, 2016.

8 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2008, the Texas Youth  
9 Commission shall establish the comprehensive character education  
10 and training pilot program at either Unit I or Unit II of the  
11 McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility and at another  
12 correctional facility operated by or under contract with the Texas  
13 Youth Commission as required by Section 61.0386, Human Resources  
14 Code, as added by this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.