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H.B. No. 1814

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) the West Texas State School; and

12 (2) either Unit I or Unit II of the McLennan County
13 State Juvenile Correctional Facility.

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

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

24 (d) Not later than January 1, 2011, and January 1, 2013, the

1 commission shall prepare and deliver to each member of the
2 legislature a report describing the interim results of the study.
3 Not later than January 1, 2015, the commission shall deliver a
4 report describing the final results of the study.

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

6 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2008, the Texas Youth
7 Commission shall establish the comprehensive character education
8 and training pilot program at the West Texas State School and either
9 Unit I or Unit II of the McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional
10 Facility as required by Section 61.0386, Human Resources Code, as
11 added by this Act.

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