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H.B. No. 1982

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the creation of the Public Education Management  
3 Institute of Texas.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 96, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 96.66 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 96.66. PUBLIC EDUCATION MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE OF TEXAS.

8 (a) In this section:

9 (1) "Fund" means the Public Education Management  
10 Institute of Texas fund.

11 (2) "Institute" means the Public Education Management  
12 Institute of Texas.

13 (3) "Public school administrator" means a person who  
14 holds or seeks employment with a school district for which the  
15 person is required to be certified as an administrator under  
16 Subchapter B, Chapter 21.

17 (b) The Public Education Management Institute of Texas is  
18 created for the training of public school administrators. The  
19 headquarters of the institute are at Sam Houston State University.  
20 The institute is under the supervision and direction of the  
21 president of Sam Houston State University and shall be operated and  
22 managed as a joint program among Sam Houston State University, the  
23 University of North Texas, and Texas State University--San Marcos.

24 (c) Any public school administrator in this state, whether

1 or not the person is sponsored by an employing school district, may  
2 participate in an institute training program. The costs of  
3 participating in an institute training program by a person who is a  
4 resident of this state, including the costs of tuition, books,  
5 room, board, and travel, shall be paid from the fund. The president  
6 of Sam Houston State University shall establish reasonable charges  
7 for participation in an institute training program by a person who  
8 is not a resident of this state.

9 (d) The fund is in the state treasury. The president of Sam  
10 Houston State University shall use the fund in administering the  
11 institute.

12 (e) The board of regents of the Texas State University  
13 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
14 enlarge, or equip property, buildings, structures, facilities,  
15 roads, or related infrastructure for the institute to be financed  
16 by the issuance of bonds in accordance with Subchapter B, Chapter  
17 55. The board of regents may pledge irrevocably to the payment of  
18 those bonds a portion of the proceeds of the fund. The amount of a  
19 pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated  
20 while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to  
21 refund those bonds, are outstanding.

22 (f) The State Board for Educator Certification shall accept  
23 completion of an institute training program by a public school  
24 administrator as meeting, for the year in which the administrator  
25 completes the program, the administrator's continuing education  
26 requirement under rules proposed under Section 21.054.

27 (g) At the request of a public school administrator who

1 completes an institute training program, an institution of higher  
2 education identified in Subsection (b) shall award the person six  
3 hours of credit towards a master's degree in education. A public  
4 school administrator is not entitled to credit under this  
5 subsection at more than one institution of higher education.

6 (h) The president of Sam Houston State University may  
7 establish rules relating to the institute.

8 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2008, Sam Houston State  
9 University, in cooperation with the University of North Texas and  
10 Texas State University--San Marcos, shall establish the Public  
11 Education Management Institute of Texas, as required by Section  
12 96.66, Education Code, as added by this Act. Not later than January  
13 1, 2009, the Public Education Management Institute of Texas shall  
14 begin offering training programs to public school administrators.

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.