

By: Branch

H.B. No. 3260

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the establishment of a center for the study of advanced
3 instructional methods.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 61.0767 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 61.0767. CENTER FOR STUDY OF ADVANCED INSTRUCTIONAL
8 METHODS. (a) The board, in collaboration with public school
9 educators and faculty and staff of institutions of higher
10 education, shall establish and operate a center for the study and
11 development of advanced instructional methods and standards
12 intended to provide for the educational needs of students in public
13 schools and institutions of higher education and the workplace
14 needs of employers in the 21st century.

15 (b) In carrying out its mission, the center shall provide
16 services to officers and employees, as applicable, of school
17 districts, charter schools, regional education service centers,
18 the Texas Education Agency, the State Board of Education, the State
19 Board for Educator Certification, and institutions of higher
20 education by:

21 (1) studying and developing methods to improve
22 standards, instruction, and assessments in public schools and
23 institutions of higher education and disseminating information
24 concerning those methods;

1 (2) supporting the design and implementation of
2 technology-based instructional strategies and of professional
3 development for educators in using those strategies; and

4 (3) based on the best available research, adopting and
5 disseminating recommendations for improving the effectiveness of
6 instruction in public schools and institutions of higher education
7 through the use of technology-based instructional strategies.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.