

AN ACT

relating to the public schools eligible to receive certain grants from the Department of Agriculture.

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

SECTION 1. Section 48.001, Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 48.001. CREATION. Consistent with this chapter, the department by rule shall develop a program to award grants to public elementary and middle schools located in large urban school districts for the purpose of establishing:

- (1) demonstration agricultural projects; or
- (2) other projects designed to foster an understanding and awareness of agriculture.

SECTION 2. Section 48.002, Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 48.002. ELIGIBILITY. Subject to available funds, a public elementary or middle school is eligible to receive a grant under this chapter if the school:

- (1) is located in a school district with an enrollment of at least 49,000 students; and
- (2) submits to the department, at the time and in the form required by the department, a proposal for a demonstration agricultural project that includes:

- (A) a description of the proposed project;

1 (B) a schedule of projected costs for the
2 project; and

3 (C) a statement of the educational benefits of
4 the project, including how the project will improve understanding
5 of agriculture.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 827 passed the Senate on May 1, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 827 passed the House on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor