

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 827
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 22, 2007; March 7, 2007, read
1-3 first time and referred to Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
1-4 Affairs and Coastal Resources; April 23, 2007, reported adversely,
1-5 with favorable Committee Substitute from Committee on Natural
1-6 Resources by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 23, 2007,
1-7 sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 827 By: Jackson

1-9 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-10 AN ACT

1-11 relating to the public schools eligible to receive certain grants
1-12 from the Department of Agriculture.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 48.001, Agriculture Code, is amended to
1-15 read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 48.001. CREATION. Consistent with this chapter, the
1-17 department by rule shall develop a program to award grants to public
1-18 elementary and middle schools located in large urban school
1-19 districts for the purpose of establishing:

1-20 (1) demonstration agricultural projects; or
1-21 (2) other projects designed to foster an understanding
1-22 and awareness of agriculture.

1-23 SECTION 2. Section 48.002, Agriculture Code, is amended to
1-24 read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 48.002. ELIGIBILITY. Subject to available funds, a
1-26 public elementary or middle school is eligible to receive a grant
1-27 under this chapter if the school:

1-28 (1) is located in a school district with an enrollment
1-29 of at least 49,000 students; and

1-30 (2) submits to the department, at the time and in the
1-31 form required by the department, a proposal for a demonstration
1-32 agricultural project that includes:

1-33 (A) a description of the proposed project;
1-34 (B) a schedule of projected costs for the
1-35 project; and

1-36 (C) a statement of the educational benefits of
1-37 the project, including how the project will improve understanding
1-38 of agriculture.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-40 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-41 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-42 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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