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S.B. No. 1433

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Employers for Education Excellence Award.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 7, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 7.113 to read as follows:

Sec. 7.113. EMPLOYERS FOR EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARD.

(a) The board shall create the Employers for Education Excellence Award to honor employers that implement a policy to encourage and support employees who actively participate in activities of schools.

(b) An employer that meets the criteria described by this section may apply for consideration to receive the award.

(c) The board shall establish the following levels of recognition for employers:

(1) bronze for an employer that implements a policy to encourage and support employees who attend parent-teacher conferences;

(2) silver for an employer that:

(A) meets the requirements of bronze; and

(B) implements a policy to encourage and support employees who volunteer in school activities; and

(3) gold for an employer that:

(A) meets the requirements of silver; and

(B) implements a policy to encourage and support

1 employees who participate in student mentoring programs in schools.

2 (d) The board shall establish criteria to certify  
3 businesses to receive the Employers for Education Excellence Award  
4 at the appropriate level of recognition. The commissioner shall  
5 review the applications submitted by employers under Subsection (b)  
6 and make recommendations to the board regarding businesses that  
7 should be recognized and the level at which a business should be  
8 recognized. The board may approve or modify the commissioner's  
9 recommendation.

10 (e) The board shall honor the recipient of an Employers for  
11 Education Excellence Award by presenting the recipient with a  
12 suitable certificate that includes the business's level of  
13 recognition and other appropriate information.

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