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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 support employees who attend parent-teacher conferences.

(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 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 support employees who volunteer at school; and

(3) gold for an employer that:

(A) meets the requirements of silver; and

(B) implements a policy to support employees who participate in school mentoring programs.

(d) The board shall establish criteria to certify

1 businesses to receive the Employers for Education Award at the
2 appropriate level of recognition. The commissioner shall review
3 the applications and make recommendations to the board regarding
4 which businesses should be recognized and at which level. The board
5 may approve or modify the commissioners recommendation.

6 (e) The board shall honor the recipient of an Employers for
7 Education Award by presenting the recipient with a suitable
8 certificate that includes the business's level of recognition and
9 other appropriate information.

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