

1-1 By: Van de Putte S.B. No. 1433
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2007; March 20, 2007, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 10, 2007,
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1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 10, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1433 By: Zaffirini

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the Employers for Education Excellence Award.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 7, Education Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 7.113 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 7.113. EMPLOYERS FOR EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARD.

1-14 (a) The board shall create the Employers for Education Excellence
1-15 Award to honor employers that implement a policy to encourage and
1-16 support employees who actively participate in activities of
1-17 schools.

1-18 (b) An employer that meets the criteria described by this
1-19 section may apply for consideration to receive the award.

1-20 (c) The board shall establish the following levels of
1-21 recognition for employers:

1-22 (1) bronze for an employer that implements a policy to
1-23 encourage and support employees who attend parent-teacher
1-24 conferences;

1-25 (2) silver for an employer that:

1-26 (A) meets the requirements of bronze; and

1-27 (B) implements a policy to encourage and support
1-28 employees who volunteer in school activities; and

1-29 (3) gold for an employer that:

1-30 (A) meets the requirements of silver; and

1-31 (B) implements a policy to encourage and support
1-32 employees who participate in student mentoring programs in schools.

1-33 (d) The board shall establish criteria to certify
1-34 businesses to receive the Employers for Education Excellence Award
1-35 at the appropriate level of recognition. The commissioner shall
1-36 review the applications submitted by employers under Subsection (b)
1-37 and make recommendations to the board regarding businesses that
1-38 should be recognized and the level at which a business should be
1-39 recognized. The board may approve or modify the commissioner's
1-40 recommendation.

1-41 (e) The board shall honor the recipient of an Employers for
1-42 Education Excellence Award by presenting the recipient with a
1-43 suitable certificate that includes the business's level of
1-44 recognition and other appropriate information.

1-45 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-46 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-47 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-48 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-49 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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