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S.B. No. 1512

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of certain funds by certain school districts and
3 open-enrollment charter schools for the development and
4 implementation of strategies for dropout prevention.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 29.916 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 29.916. DROPOUT PREVENTION STRATEGIES.

9 (a) Notwithstanding Sections 39.114 and 42.152, a school district
10 or open-enrollment charter school with a high dropout rate, as
11 determined by the commissioner, shall use 25 percent of the
12 school's high school allotment under Section 39.114 and 25 percent
13 of the school's compensatory education allotment under Section
14 42.152 for the development and implementation of research-based
15 strategies for dropout prevention, as approved by the commissioner.

16 (b) The commissioner shall adopt rules for the
17 administration and implementation of this section.

18 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
19 of this Act, the commissioner of education shall adopt rules as
20 required by Section 29.916, Education Code, as added by this Act.

21 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008
22 school year.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.