

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2748
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Environmental Regulation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Texas Environmental Education Partnership (TEEP) Fund, the Texas Environmental Education Partnership trust fund (TEEP trust fund), and the TEEP Fund Board were established in 1999 to raise money from a diversity of resources to pay for the development, implementation, and continued operation of environmental education projects and activities. These projects, activities and programs were to include scholarships for educators for professional development in the area of environmental education as well as support of efforts to ensure that textbooks treat environmental issues with a balanced approach and explain the underlying scientific principles.

The TEEP Fund Board has been unable to raise these funds and promote environmental education in the manner intended. As a result, dissolving the TEEP Fund, the TEEP trust fund and the TEEP Fund Board is necessary. H.B. 2748 repeals the statute that created and governed operation of the TEEP Fund, the TEEP trust fund and TEEP Fund Board.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency or institution.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Repeals Chapter 105 (S.B. 1746), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Article 2654-3g, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

SECTION 2. Effective date.

REPEALERS

House Bill 2748 repeals Chapter 105 (S.B. 1746), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Article 2654-3g, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or if the act does not receive the necessary vote, the act takes effect September 1, 2009.