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H.B. No. 2263

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to extending the high school innovation grant initiative to middle and junior high schools.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 39.115, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 39.115. [~~HIGH SCHOOL~~] INNOVATION GRANT INITIATIVE FOR MIDDLE, JUNIOR HIGH, AND HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUSES.

SECTION 2. Sections 39.115(a), (b), and (d), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) From funds appropriated for that purpose, the commissioner may establish a grant program under which grants are awarded to middle, junior high, and high school [~~secondary~~] campuses and school districts to support:

(1) the implementation of innovative [~~high school~~] improvement programs that are based on the best available research regarding middle, junior high, or high school reform, dropout prevention, and preparing students for postsecondary coursework or employment;

(2) enhancing education practices that have been demonstrated by significant evidence of effectiveness; and

(3) the alignment of grants and programs to the strategic plan adopted under Section 39.357.

(b) Before awarding a grant under this section, the

1 commissioner may require a campus or school district to:

2 (1) obtain local matching funds; or

3 (2) meet other conditions, including developing a
4 personal graduation plan under Section 28.0212 for each student
5 enrolled at the campus or in a district middle, junior high, or high
6 school.

7 (d) The commissioner may use funds appropriated under this
8 section to support technical assistance services for school
9 districts and open-enrollment charter schools to implement an [~~a~~
10 ~~high school~~] improvement program under this section.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.