

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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2263 was passed by the House on April 9, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2263 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor